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手の甲に円状のコブを持つ不思議な少年レン。
続発する怪事件を背景に、
謎の老人がジンのことを探し始めた…
ある日、ジンの前に突然、異形の殺人鬼が出現。
それまでの平穏な日常は激変する。
人知を超えた殺人鬼の力を前にジンは!?
壮大な物語が、今始まる…!!

「斬新!!ヒーローなだけの漫画じゃない!!
読めば解るぞ!!」——鳥山明

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ニュー・ヒーロー誕生!!!!!

その少年が目覚める時、何かが起きる——。
天使か？　悪魔か？　不思議な力を秘めたジン、
その壮絶な人生の幕が開く!!

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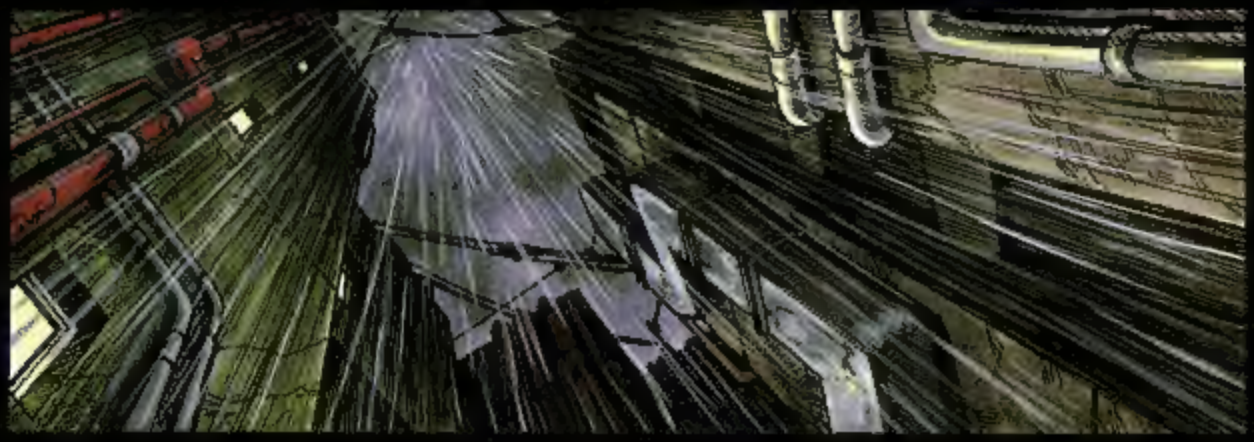
PROLOGUE

JIN



TELL ME!!
WHERE SHOULD I SHOOT ...
SO THAT YOU'LL DIE PAIN-LESSLY ?

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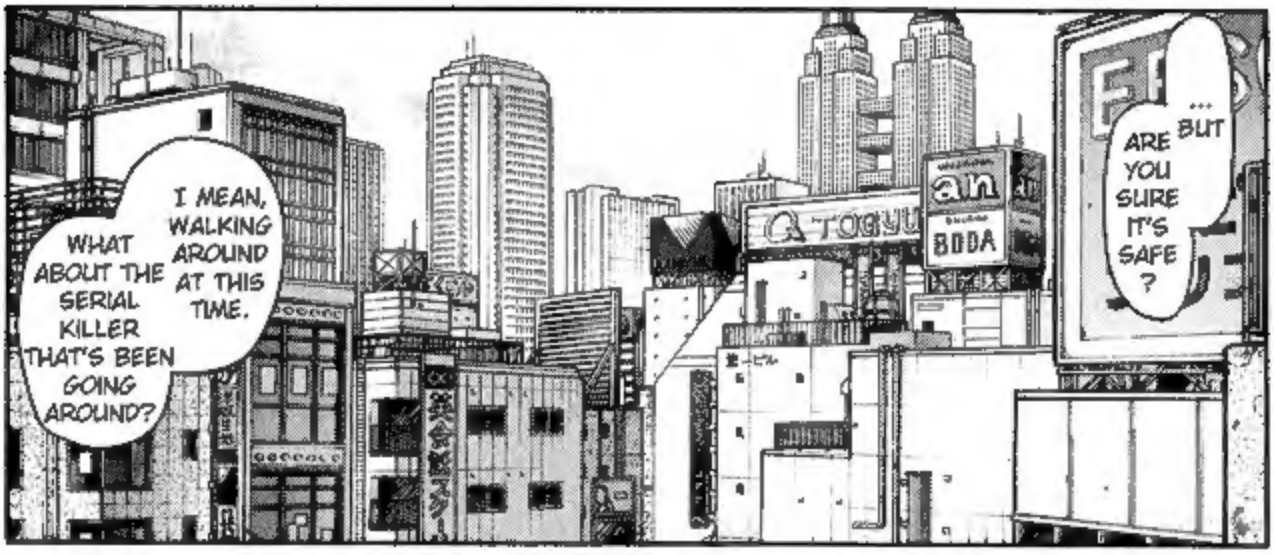
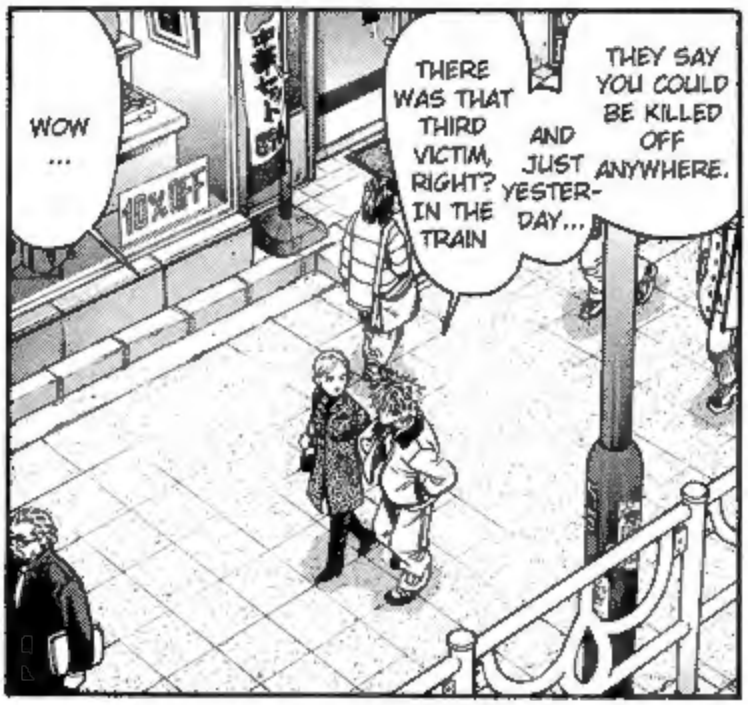

WHAT ABOUT THE SERIAL KILLER THAT'S BEEN GOING AROUND?
I MEAN, WALKING AROUND AT THIS TIME.
...BUT ARE YOU SURE IT'S SAFE?
TOGYU
BODA

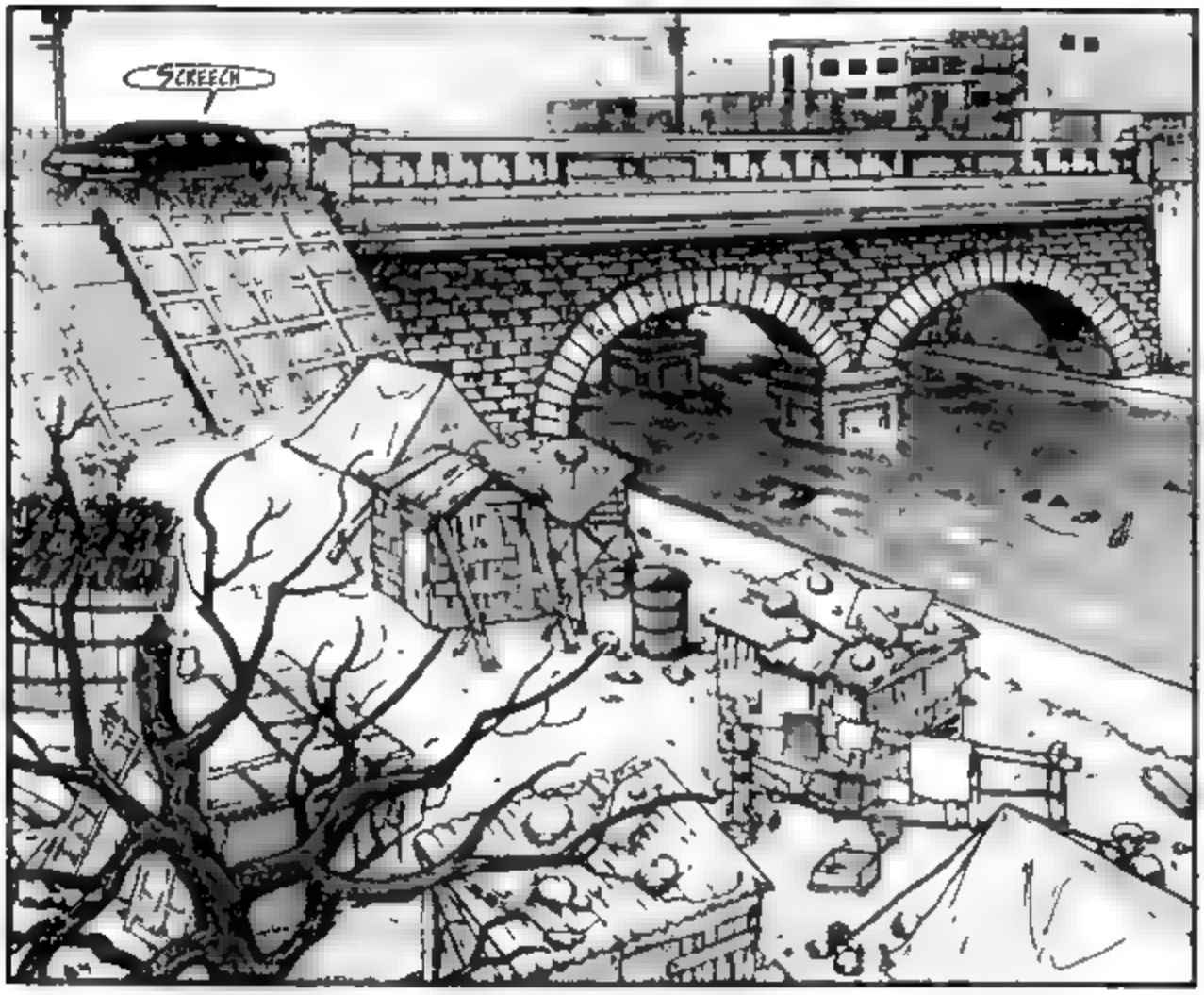
PSON
THEN, LET'S STOP THE DATE NOW!


WOW ...
10%OFF
THERE WAS THAT THIRD VICTIM, RIGHT? IN THE TRAIN
AND JUST YESTER-DAY...
THEY SAY YOU COULD BE KILLED OFF ANYWHERE.

COME ON, BABY WE COULD ALWAYS HAVE OUR DATE INSIDE A NICE WARM ROOM SOMEWHERE ♡
10%OFF
HEY! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
BUMP
WHOA!
REALLY! IS THAT ALL YOU THINK ABOUT—
TUG
?

Chapter 1

(JIN)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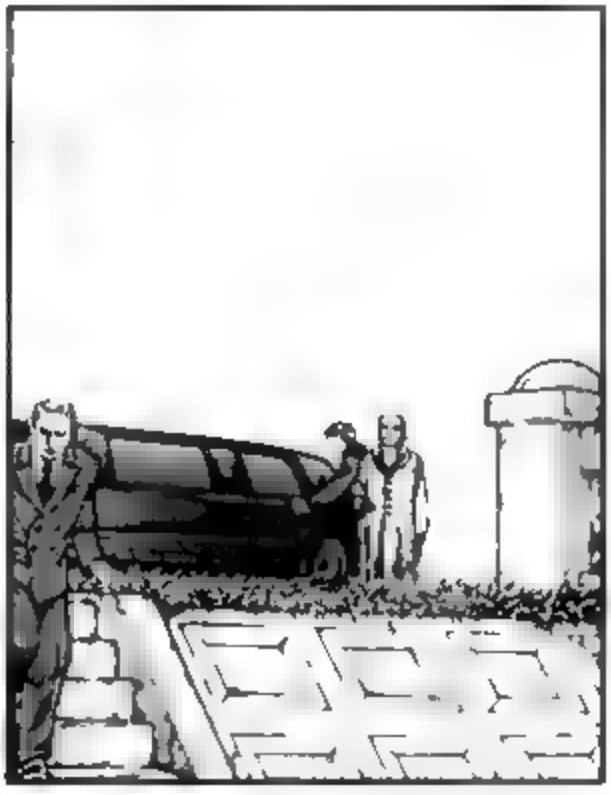
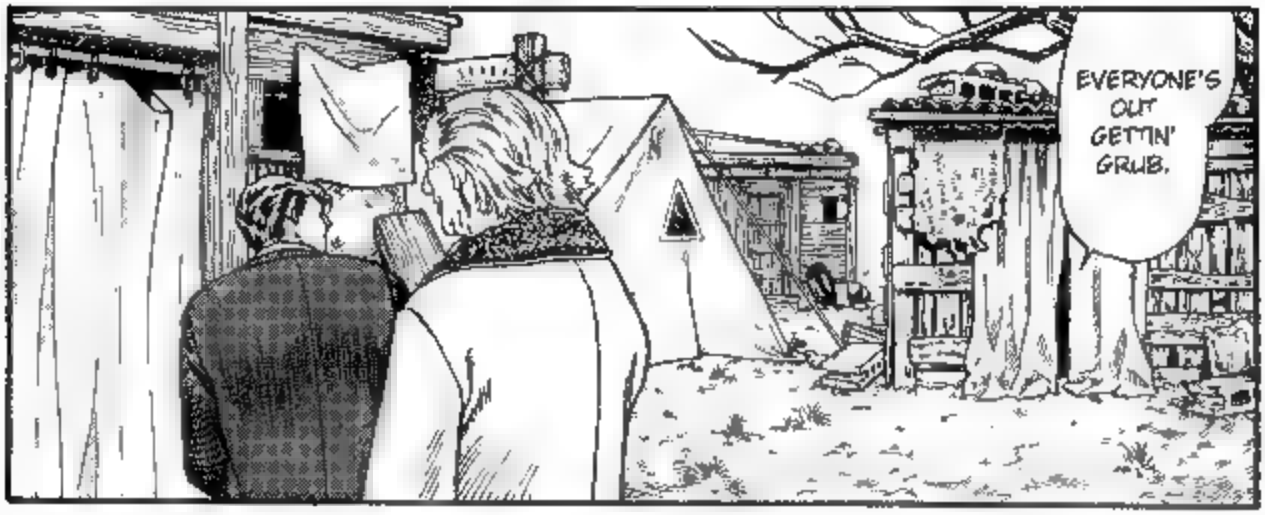
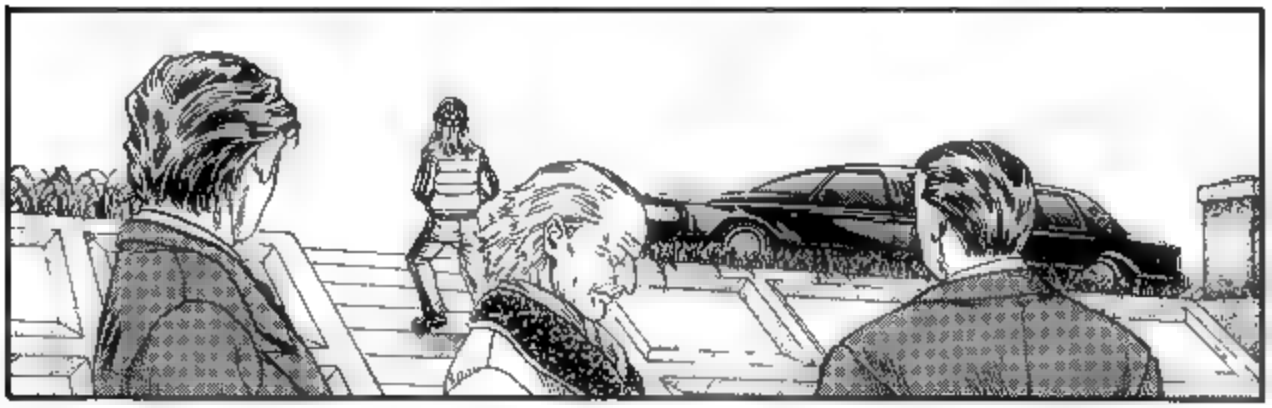


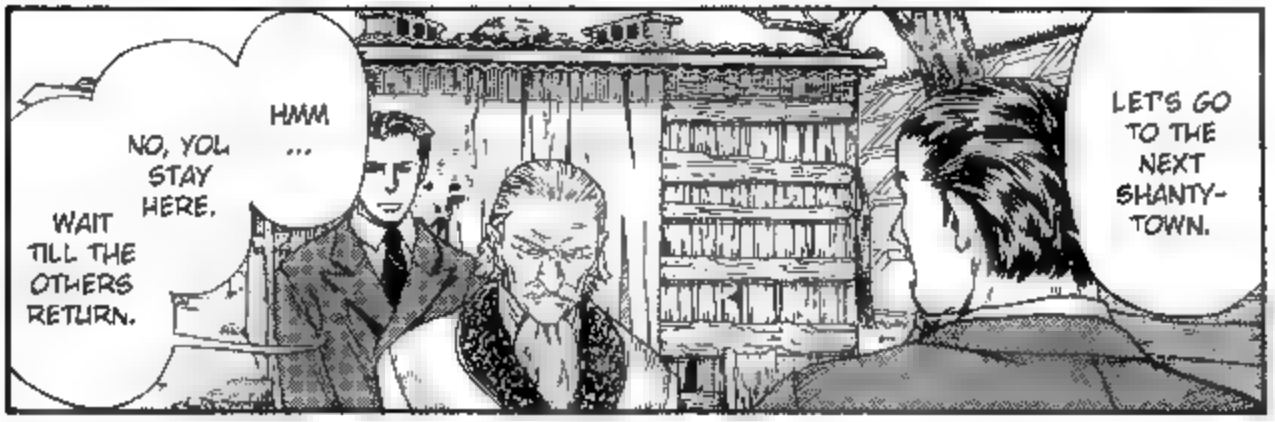

EVERYONE'S OUT GETTIN' GRUB.

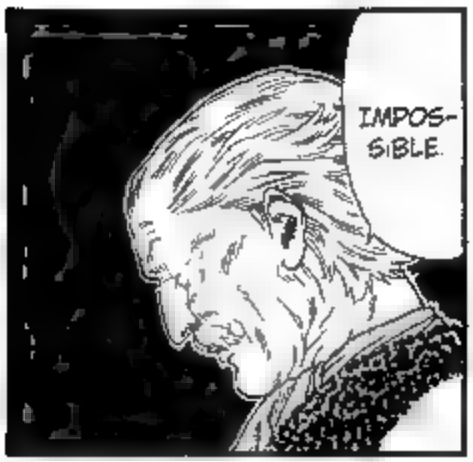
SO DON'T GO EVICTIN' US OR NOTHIN'
WHAT DO YOU WANT ? THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE WE CAN LIVE.

HMPH ...
I AIN'T INTER-ESTED IN TALKING! NOW SCRAM!
NO NEED TO WORRY. WE'RE NOT HERE TO EVICT YOU.
YOU SEE, WE'RE
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS PHOTO.
FWIP
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A YOUNG MAN.
HE SHOULD BE ABOUT 20 YEARS OLD.
HAVE YOU HAPPENED TO SEE HIM?
THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN WHEN HE WAS THREE DAYS OLD, BUT..
HE HAS A WELT ON HIS LEFT HAND IN THE SHAPE OF A CIRCLE.

I DUNNO HIM!



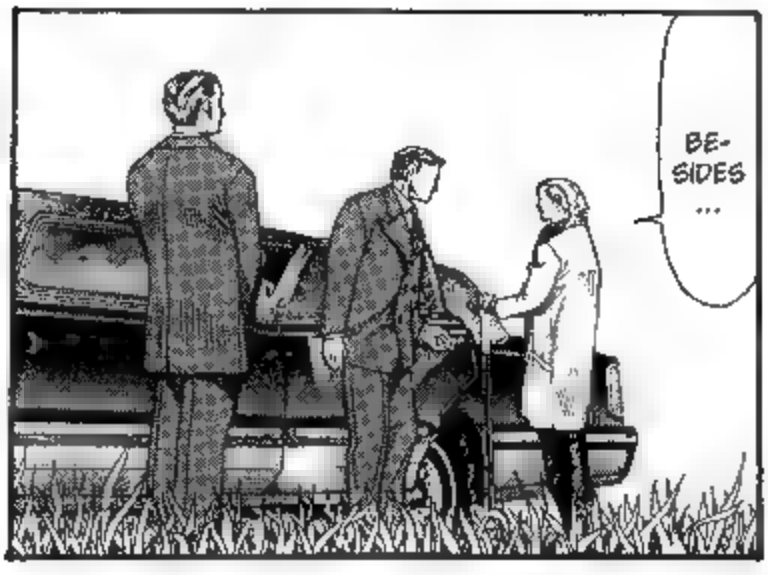

HMM ...
NO, YOU STAY HERE.
WAIT TILL THE OTHERS RETURN.
LET'S GO TO THE NEXT SHANTY-TOWN.

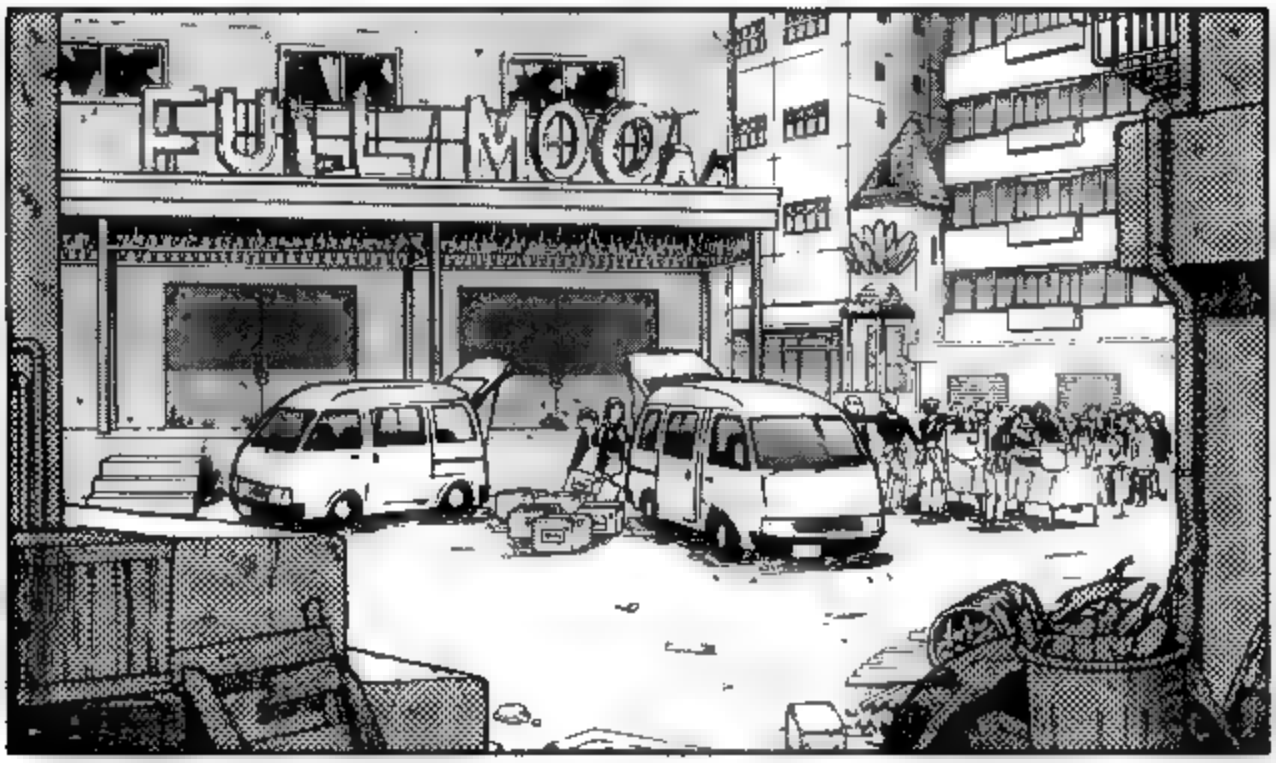

IMPOS-SIBLE.

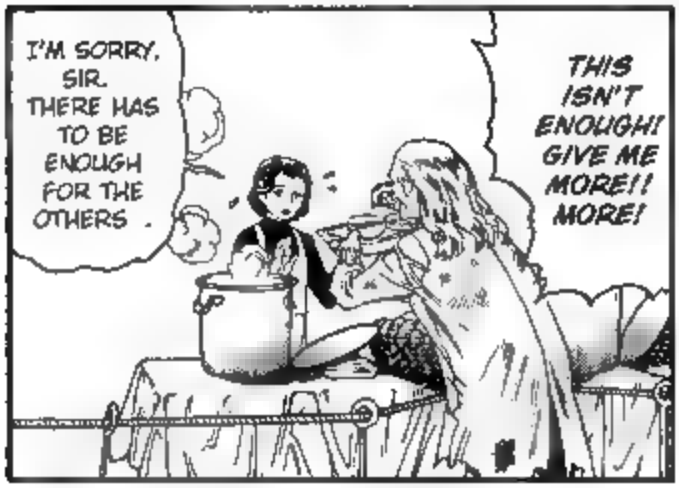
ISN'T THERE A POSSIBILITY THAT HE'S ALREADY DEAD, SIR?
BUT ...

THE BOY'S A DEMON. THERE'S NO WAY HE'D DIE, EVEN IF YOU KILLED HIM.

WE NEED HIM TO BE ALIVE.....


BE-SIDES ...


FULL MOON


I'M SORRY, SIR. THERE HAS TO BE ENOUGH FOR THE OTHERS.
THIS ISN'T ENOUGH! GIVE ME MORE!! MORE!

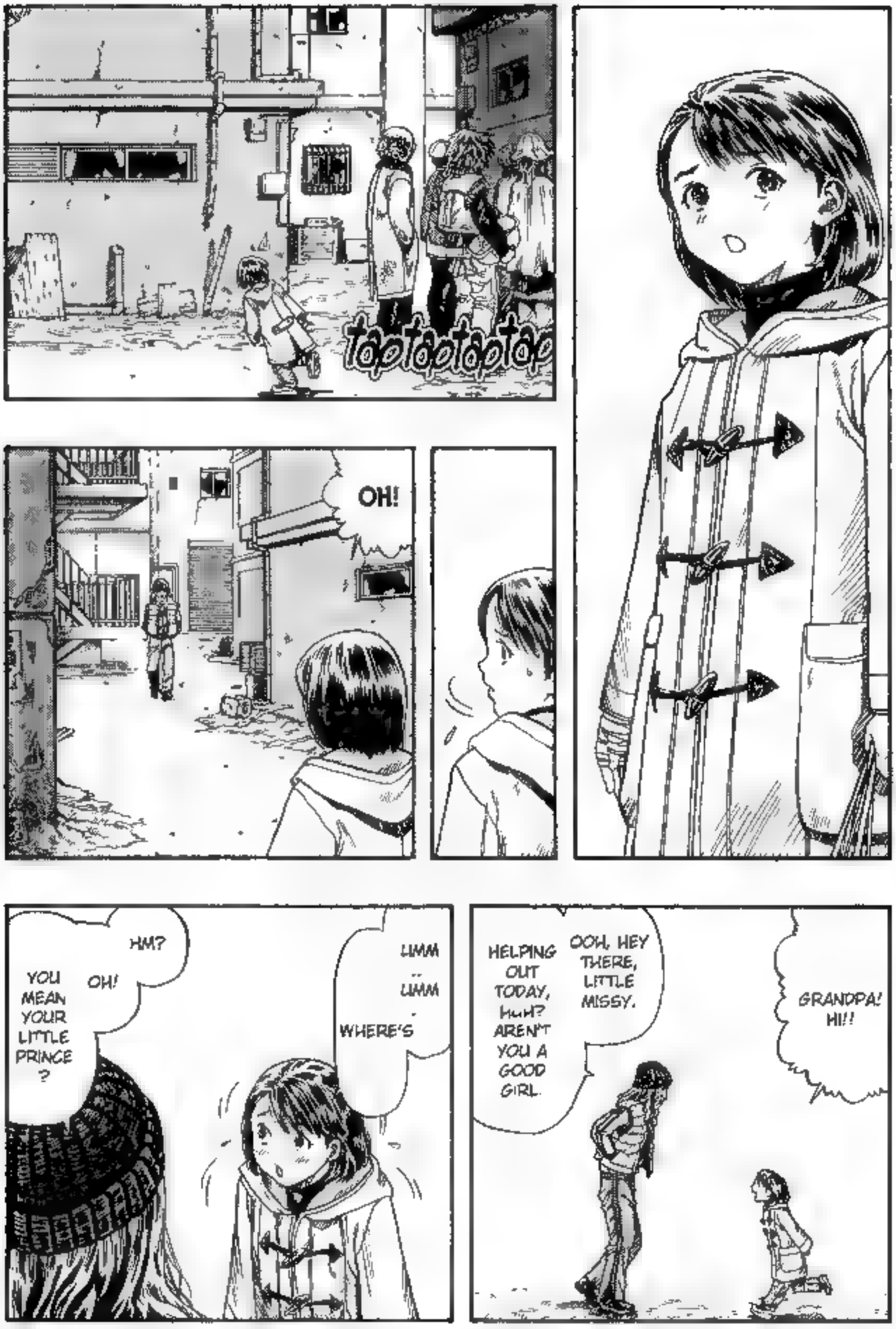
MOON

I'M SORRY !!

NO! WAIT...!
SEE!? THIS MUCH'LL DO!
SHADDUP !! WHO GIVES A CRAP ABOUT THEM?

SHAD-DUP! YOU DAMN KID!!!
PLEASE, SIR. ONE SERVING OF SOUP AND BREAD PER PERSON!
WHAT? NO SAKE!? WHERE'S THE SAKE !?
SHE SAID ONE RATION PER PERSON, GOT IT?
HURRY IT UP !!
ARR-RGH !!
PLEASE FORGIVE US, SIR!
BUT, MOM
COULD YOU PLEASE CARRY THE EMPTY BAGS TO THE CAR?
KO-NOHA
YES ?

.. BUT WHY ?
I'M SORRY, HONEY
WE CAN'T DO THAT
COULD WE JUST ...
BRING THE FOOD WE HAVE FROM HOME ?
OOKAY ....
BE A GOOD GIRL AND TAKE THESE.
I WONDER IF THIS WILL BE ENOUGH ...
THERE'S JUST MORE EVERY WEEK !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OH!
GRANDPA! HI!!
OOH, HEY THERE, LITTLE MISSY.
HELPING OUT TODAY, HUH? AREN'T YOU A GOOD GIRL.
UMM .. UMM . WHERE'S
HM?
OH!
YOU MEAN YOUR LITTLE PRINCE ?

WE'RE GOING TO RUN OUT OF FOOD!!
BUT IT'S REALLY BAD TODAY !!
OH, I KNEW IT...
THEN HE'S PROBABLY RUNNING AROUND TOWN AS USUAL
NOT HERE, EH?
THEN, HERE'S WHAT YOU DO .

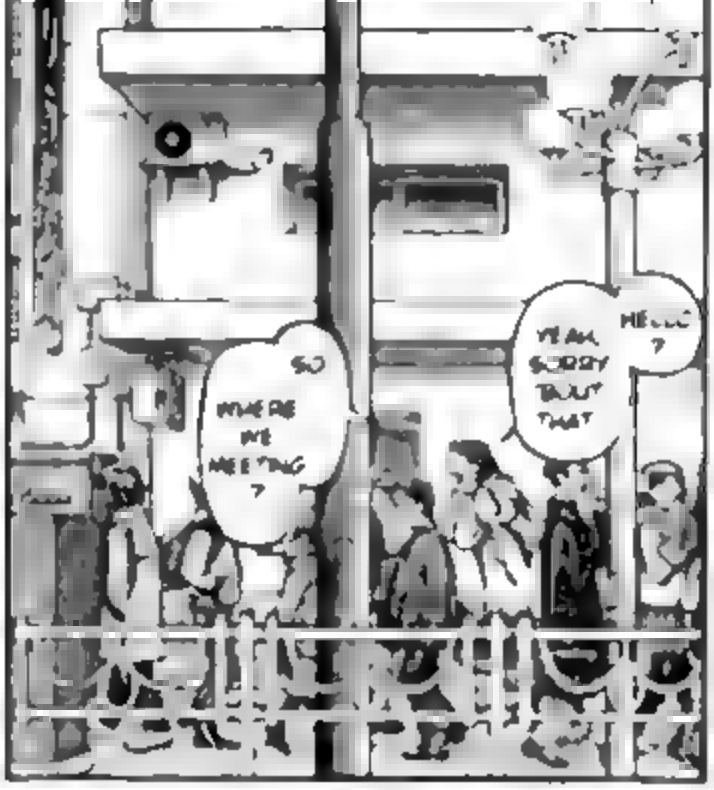
JC BANK

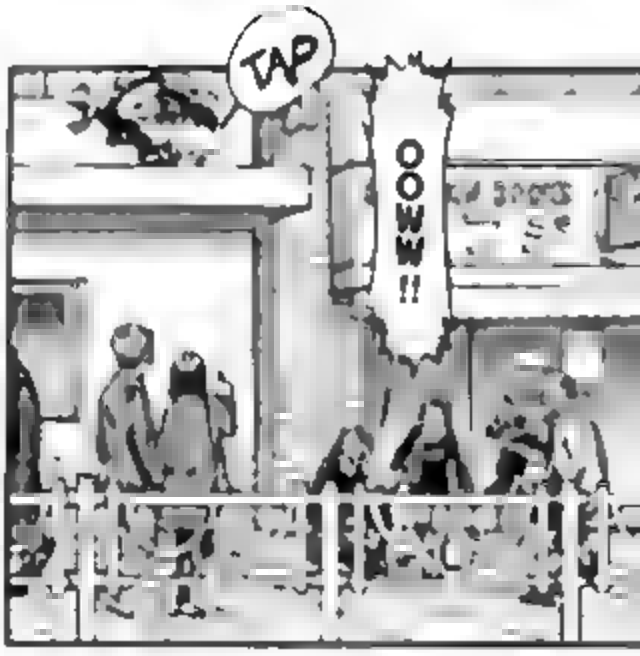
HUH ?
銀行
HEY, HOLD UP, MISTER !
YOU'RE ONLY GONNA WITHDRAW 50,000 YEN?
[NOTE 50,000 YEN = ABOUT US$500]
WELL, I GUESS THIS WILL DO.
THUD THUD THUD THUD
??
TSK. HOLD ON. I'LL CALL YOU RIGHT BACK.
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!! I'M CALLING THE POLICE !!
HA HA HA
JUST NOW, IN FACT. ♡
IDIOT. 'COURSE I GOT THE MONEY
I'M IN FOR TONIGHT.
YEAH, IT'S ME
YO, YO! ♡

YOU TRYIN' TA START SOME-THIN', OLD MAN?
.....
YOU MAKIN' ME OUT TO BE A CRIMINAL!? HUH!??
YOU'D REALLY CALL THE POLICE OVER A LOUSY 50,000!? GET REAL!!
THOK THOK THOK
HA HA
KOF
BLINK
G-GIVE IT BACK..
Wobble
PHOOK
JC
KOF
KOF

STOP THAT MAN! HE STOLE MY WALLET!!!
STOP ...
MAYBE I SHOULD RUN
DAMN, WHAT A HASSLE !!
SHIT
GIVE IT UP
SOMEONE
PLEASE
STUMBLE
STUMBLE
THERE A FIGHT ?
HUH? WHAT'S GOING ON?
SOMEBODY !!
I'M... I'M SO SORRY
EEK!
FLOP
YUCK! WHO'S THIS FREAK !?

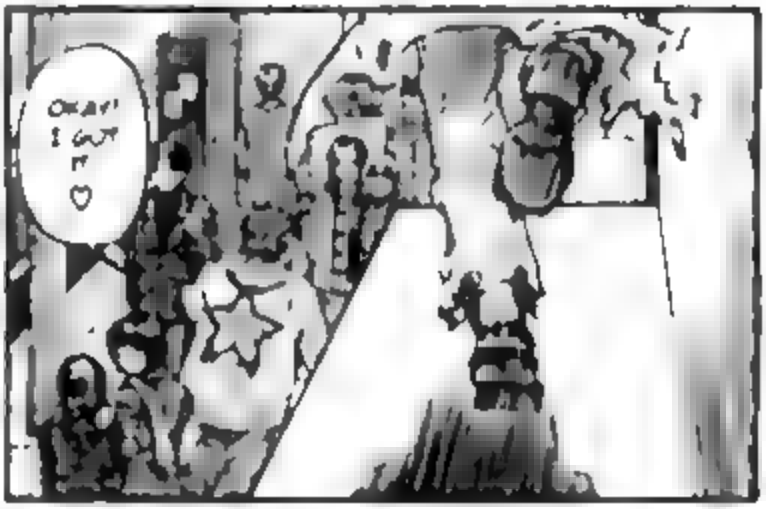
HUH?
AND JUST WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT? PER-VERT
HUH?
MOVE IT OR LOSE IT, YOU FUCKING—
YOU'RE IN MY WAY!


HELLO ?
YEAH, SORRY ABOUT THAT
SO WHERE WE MEETING ?

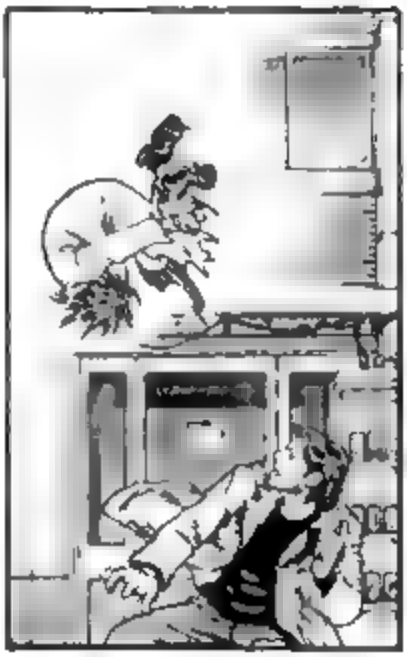

TAP
OOPS !!

WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING, ASSHOLE!
OW!
THERE? GOT IT

DASH


OKAY! I GOT IT ♡

KERIN
Co



THUNK

KO'K

PO

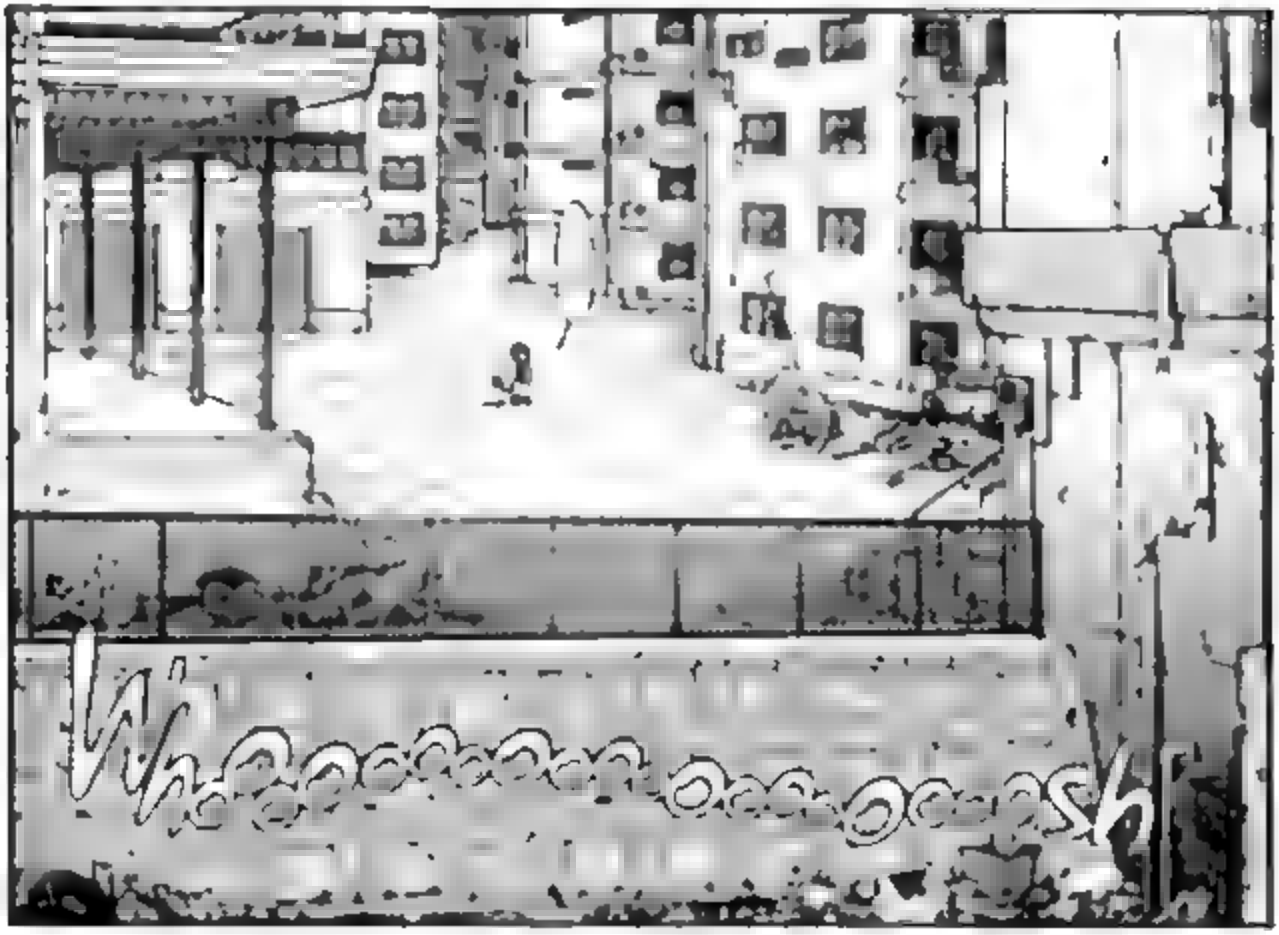
TAP

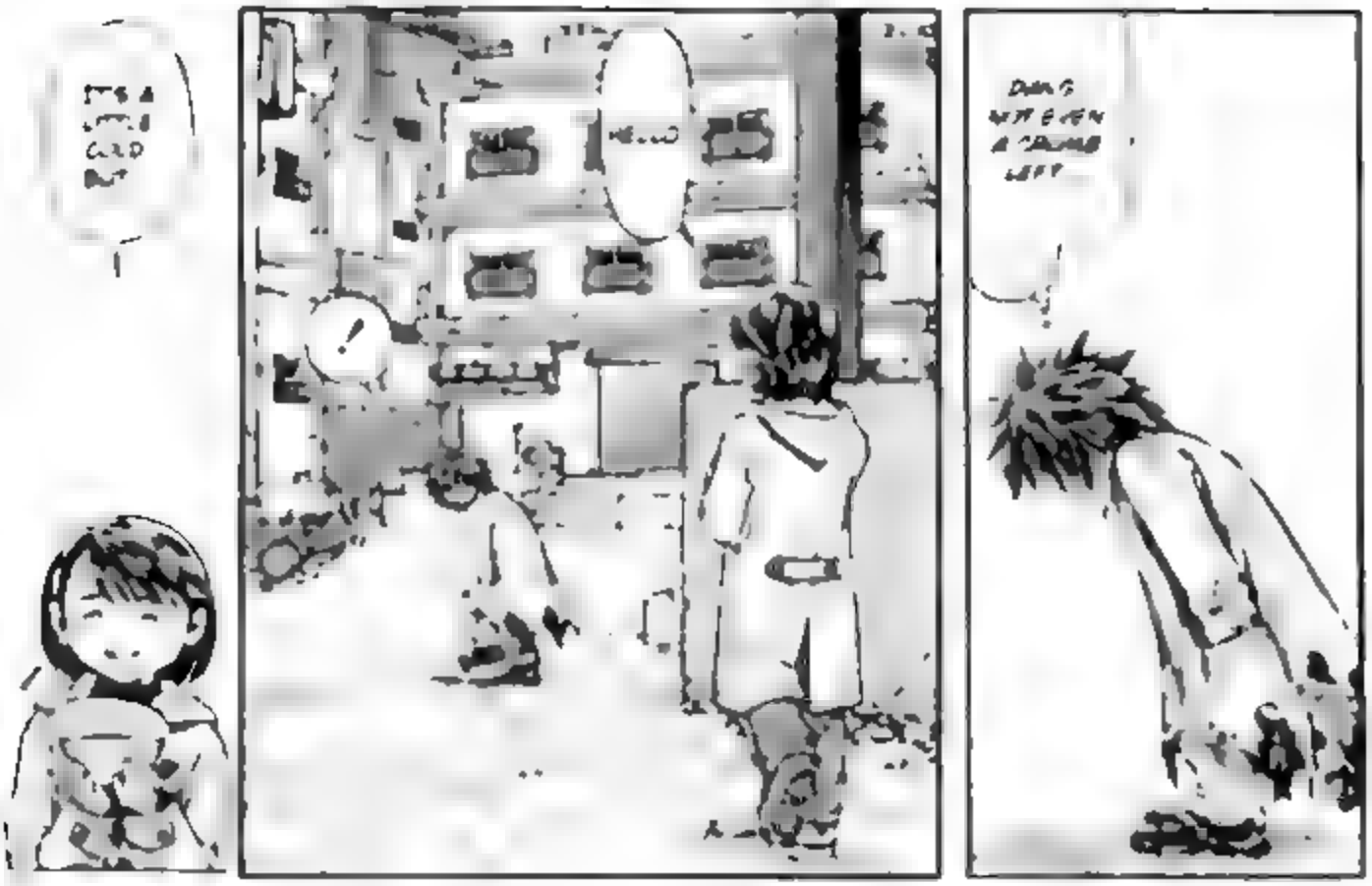
HUH?
HUH?
SHIINNNGGG
Y
YOU
?
!

[NOTE 10,000 YEN = ABOUT US$100]

HEY, HEY!
WELL IF IT ISN'T OUR LITTLE SAVIOR.
DANG
I'M SO HUNGRY!
.....
YA DON'T LOOK SO GOOD, RUNT
MESS UP AT WORK AGAIN ?
NAH THE OLD MAN I SAVED WAS JUST A CHEAP BASTARD. DIDN'T GIVE ME NOTHING
OH-HO !?
CHEAP, YA SAY? YOU CHARGE A PRETTY PENNY, YA KNOW.
YEAH, 10,000

WHAT'S WRONG WITH GETTING MONEY FOR SAVING SOMEONE'S LIFE?
WE NEED THE MONEY.
YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH BREAD YOU COULD BUY WITH THAT?
BLOCKHEAD! THAT'S ASKING FOR WAY TOO MUCH!
NO HARM IN GIVING YOU 1,000!! THE WORLD SURE IS A COLD AND HARSH PLACE, YA KNOW!
BWOHOHOHO!
YA GOT ME THERE! I WON'T SAY 10,000, BUT ...
ACK !!!
UNBELIEVABLE! YOU'D MISS OUT ON THE FREE FOOD BEING PASSED OUT, TO HELP PEOPLE...
YOU'RE HOPE-LESS.




IT'S A LITTLE COLD OUT
!
DAMN WHEN A CRIME OCCURS

OH, IT'S NOTHING.
HUH ?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAND?
SO RR RR
GRAMPS TOLD ME TO COVER IT UP LIKE THIS.
LOOK. I HAVE ONE, TOO.

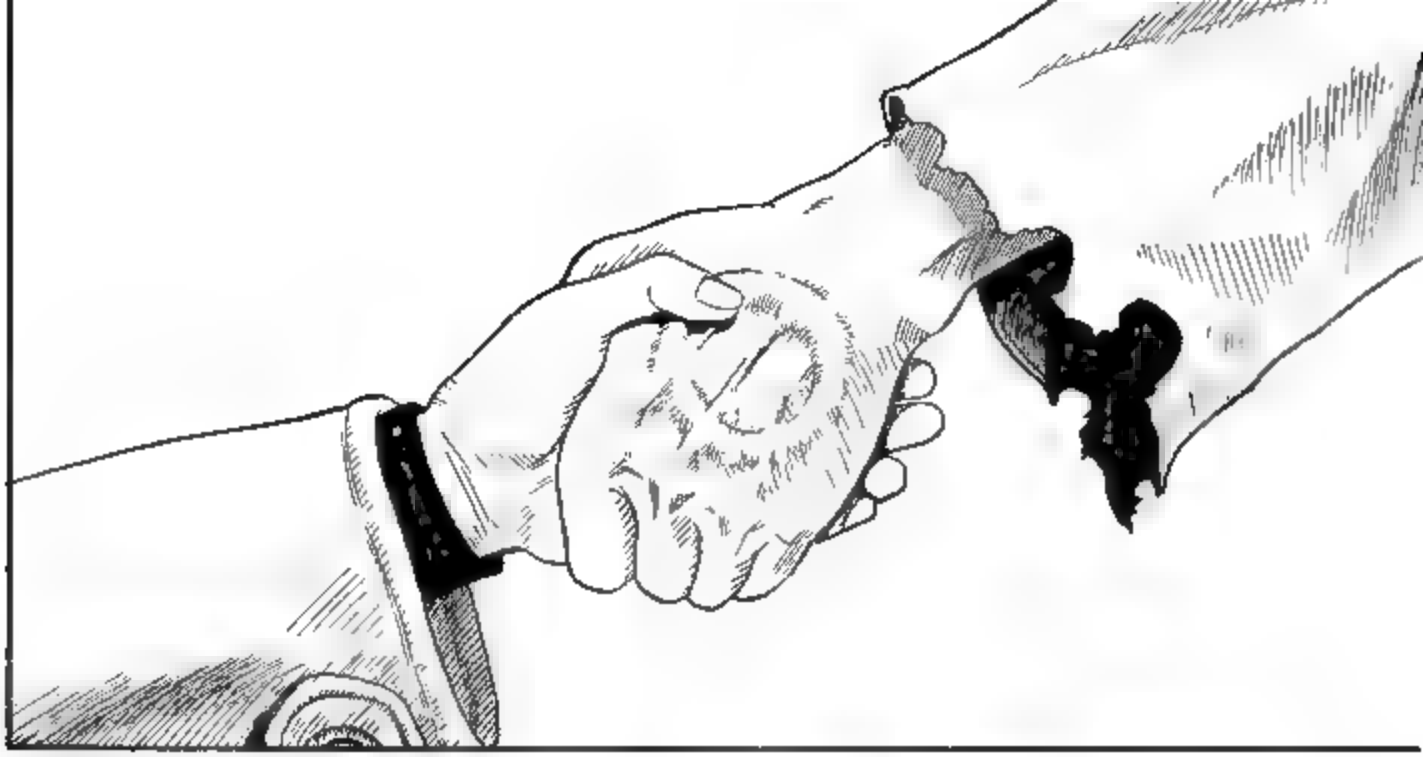
AN ANGEL'S RING
DO YOU ALSO HAVE ONE?
.....
TAKE A LOOK!
SHIP
ANGEL'S ... RING!?
I... I DON'T HAVE ONE I MEAN, IT'S JUST A SCRATCH SO.
thmp thmp
Angel's Ring ?
UHMM NO?
SEE WHY DO YOU THINK I HAVE TO HIDE IT?
ANY IDEA WHY?
GRAMPS CALLS IT THAT
I DON'T KNOW WHY, THOUGH.
OH. OKAY
HUH?

RESPECT
WOW.
...'LEAST, THAT'S WHAT GRAMPS TOLD ME.
THAT'S CUZ HUMANS HAVE "SELF-HEALING POWER."
THAT WAY, IT'LL HEAL QUICK.
WELL, IF IT'S A SCRATCH, YOU HAVE TO LICK IT AND COVER IT UP.
OH!
ME? WHY??
ABOUT YOU!
OH! ME, TOO! GRAMPS TEACHES ME A LOT OF THINGS!!
.....
BECAUSE .....
THAT'S BECAUSE ..
?
UH...

.....
EEK!
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST FAN!!
IT'S JUST FOR THE MONEY.
LIKE A JOB.
I DO WHAT I CAN FOR IT.
YOU ALWAYS HELP PEOPLE EVERYDAY, RIGHT? YOU'RE AMAZING!
HUH ??
HEY!! COULD YOU LET ME WATCH YOU DO YOUR JOB SOMETIME!!?
BUT YOU GET TO FIGHT THE BAD GUYS! IT'S SO COOL!
.....

EEK!
BLINK
FLOP
BUT FIRST, LET ME THANK YOU!!
ALL RIGHT! IT'S A DEAL!!
WHOA
?
I HAVE NO WAY OF PAYING YOU BACK!!
YOU GAVE ME FOOD EVEN THOUGH I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY!!
...I'LL SAVE YOU FOR FREE! HOW'S THAT !?
SO, INSTEAD! IF YOU'RE EVER IN TROUBLE...
BESIDES, THE BREAD WAS FROM GRAMP—
HUH? OH! I DON'T NEED ANY MONEY!

REALLY !?
WOW!
OKAY!
LET'S SHAKE ON IT!
IT'S A PROMISE!
OOPS. ALMOST FORGOT.



YUP!
SO? DID YOU GET TO TALK A LOT WITH HIM?

HE'S...

HE'S NOT A PRINCE.
MMM, NO!

WAS HE JUST THE PRINCE YOU THOUGHT HE WAS?

AN ANGEL!

I'M HOME!

JIN.
OH, WELCOME HOME.

A CHILD ?
YES SIR
WE MUST HURRY
WE MUST.
THESE MYSTERIOUS INCIDENTS RECENTLY THERE IS NO DOUBTING IT

YOU IN TROUBLE ?
HEY!

BEAT IT, BEFORE WE POUND YOU!!
WHAT THE !? A KID !?

YES!
YES!

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Chapter 2

(ORDINARY LIFE)

THWOK
BY
SPOOM

FWUSH
WHOP
YEEP!

YOU LITTLE BRAT !!

YEEP!
THUD

WHOOSH
TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP
AHA

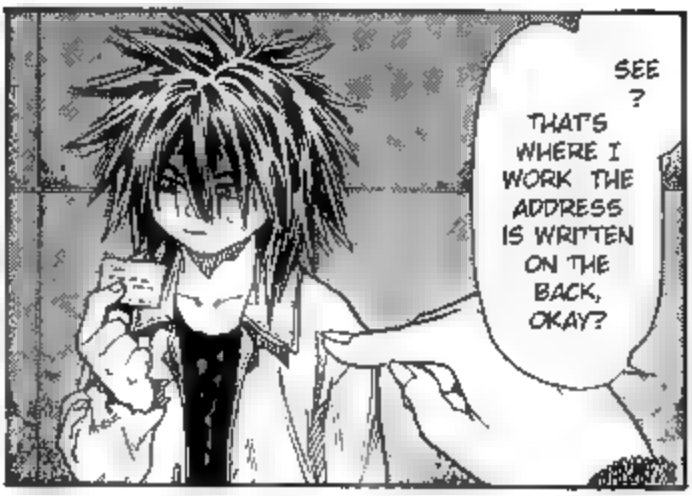
THIS
SKSSHH

HMPH !
PAT
PAT
UGGH ...
WOW!! THAT WAS AMAZING!! YOU'RE PRETTY STRONG, KID!
I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOUR UGLY FACE AGAIN !!
IF YOU'RE SOME KIND OF PIMP, THEN ACT LIKE A PIMP AND GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!!
I KNEW YOU WERE THE TYPE TO BRING YOUR FILTHY THUGS TO THREATEN ME, YOU WORTHLESS PIECE OF TRASH!!
WHMP
WHMP
GWAHH!!
PAY-MENT.
HEY, KID.
THANKS FOR SAVING ME. ♡

HERE.

AH, OF COURSE.
BUT 10,000 YEN IS A CHEAP PRICE TO PAY FOR GETTING RID OF THAT DAMN JERK

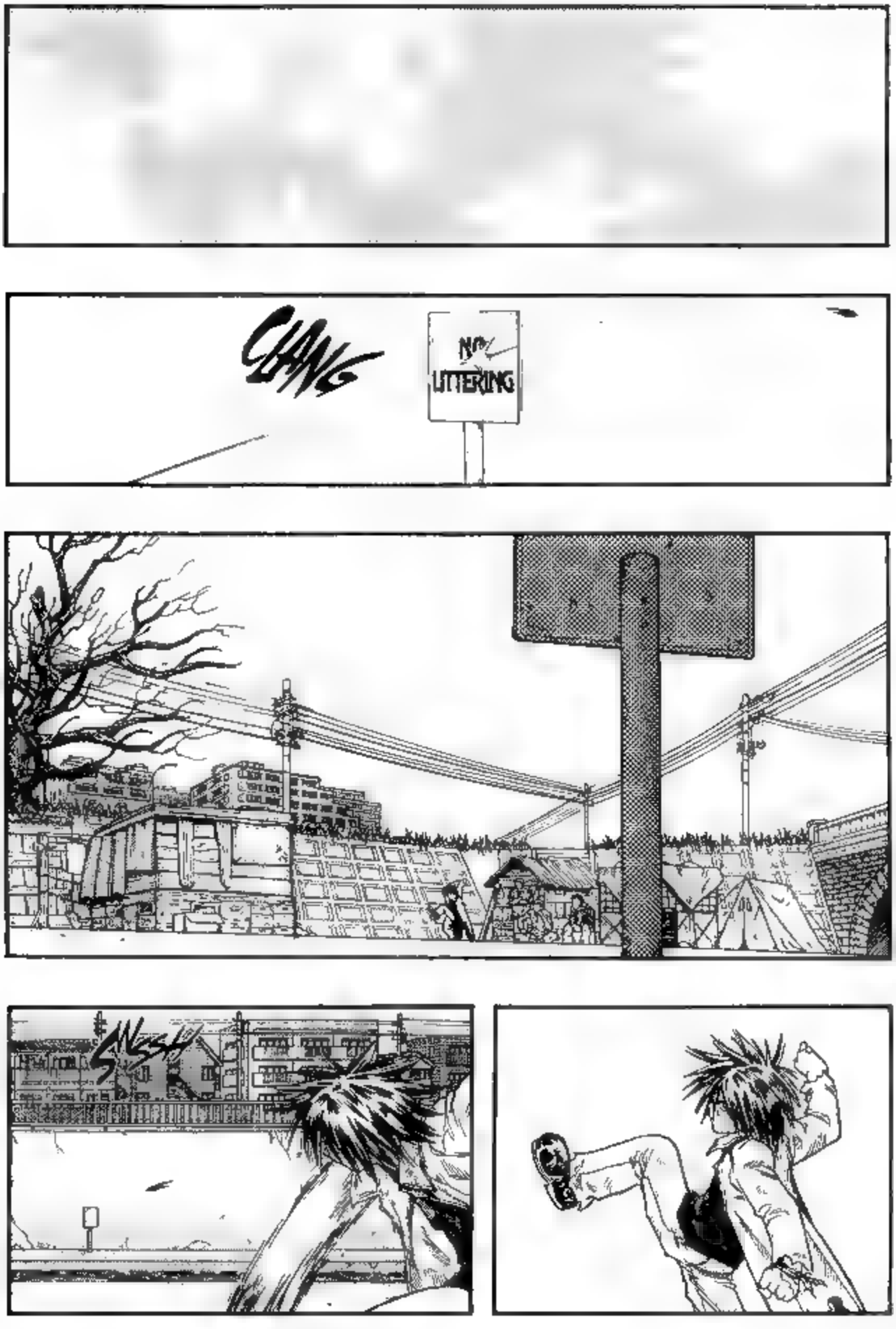
SEE YOU LATER!
STOP BY BEFORE EVENING, AND I'LL TREAT YOU TO SOME DINNER BEFORE WORK ♡


SEE ?
THAT'S WHERE I WORK THE ADDRESS IS WRITTEN ON THE BACK, OKAY?

WOO-HOO!! I MADE 10,000 YEN!!!

.....

BYE-BYE!
OH! I ALMOST FORGOT! MAKE SURE YOU TAKE A BATH BEFORE YOU COME.
OKAY, KID? ♡
smack


CLANG
NO
LITTERING

CLANG

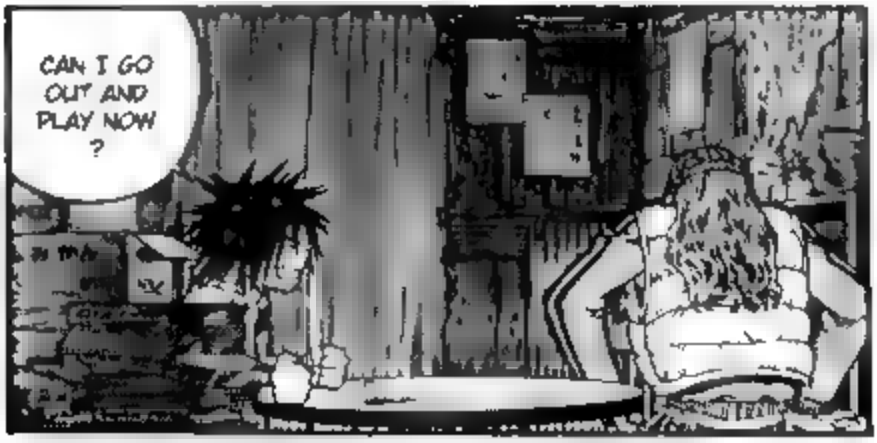
6TH VICTIM KILLED BY MYSTERIOUS CUTS!
WHO IS THE MURDERER?
On Friday December 12, at just past noon in XXXX Town, 2-chome, a young man was sliced in half The event occured on a busy street and caused a panic for people in the area According to witnesses, the young man just suddenly split in half It's hard to imagine that a regular blade could do such damage, and the police have included this case in the recent string of mysterious killings
This is believed to be the 6th victim in these incidents, and no connection has been made between the victims So far it appears that random people in a crowd are suddenly sliced in half The methods used in the killings appear to be beyond what is humanly possible and the police are researching whether there is some natural phenomenon at work here. The police urge caution when venturing outside
行方不明者63名
発明の秘訣
刀視点も必要

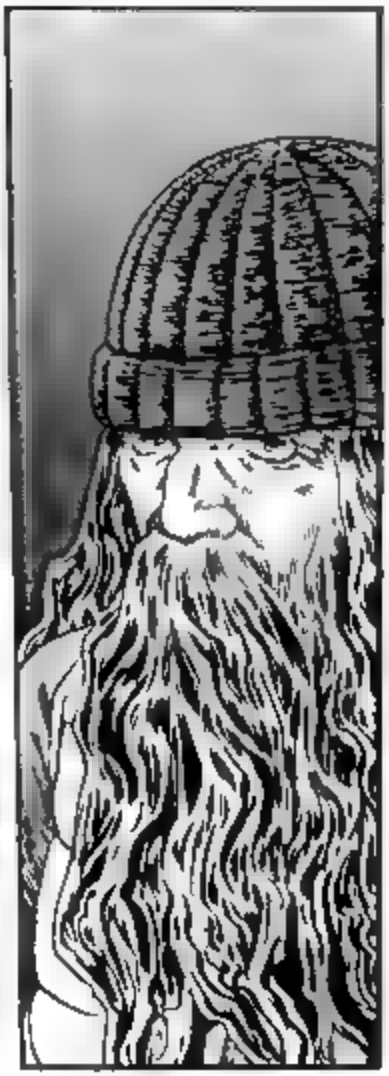
WE'RE LOOKING FOR HIM.

WELL, ISN'T THIS A STRANGE SIGHT, JIN. SEEIN' YA DAWDLIN' AROUND LIKE THIS ALL DAY.
HUH ?
I CAN'T KNOCK IT DOWN!
DAMN, THAT SIGN'S TOUGH!
OKAY! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
JIN! TIME FOR SCHOOL !
.....
HE HE HE HE HE
MAYBE.
HE HE HE
WHAT ?
YEAH! HIS HAIR'S TOO LONG!
HE'S NO ORDINARY KID.
HE'S REALLY SOMETHING, THOUGH HE WAS HITTIN' THE THING DEAD CENTER EVERY TIME

I'M DONE!
LANGUA ARTS
CIOLOGY
ENCE
NOT YET SIT DOWN.
CAN I GO NOW ?
HMM. YOU GOT THEM ALL RIGHT
.....
YUP!
DO YOU DISLIKE STUDYING ?
YES!
I'M HAPPY RIGHT HERE
I'M NOT GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD
IT DOESN'T MAKE A LICK OF DIFFERENCE WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT YOU JUST HAVE TO KEEP GOING
IT'S IMPORTANT THOUGH FOR WHEN YOU GO OUT INTO THE WORLD.

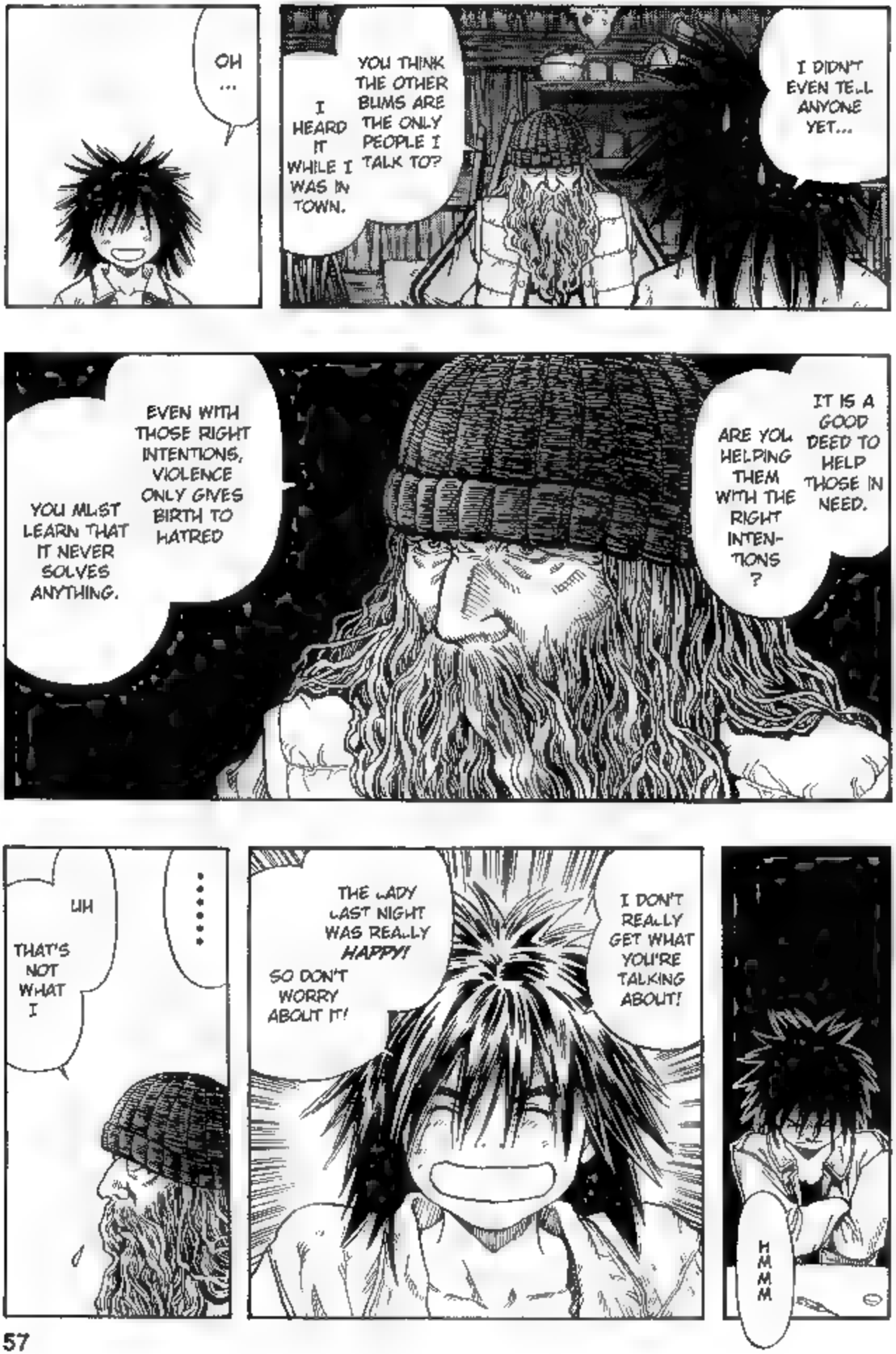
I'M FINE AS LONG AS I'M WITH YOU, GRAMPS.


CAN I GO OUT AND PLAY NOW ?

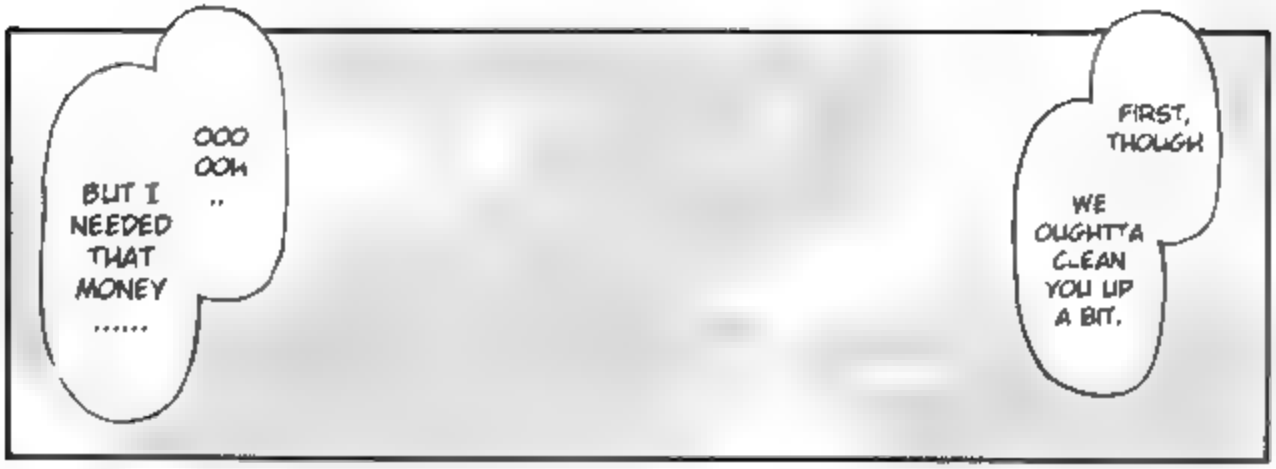


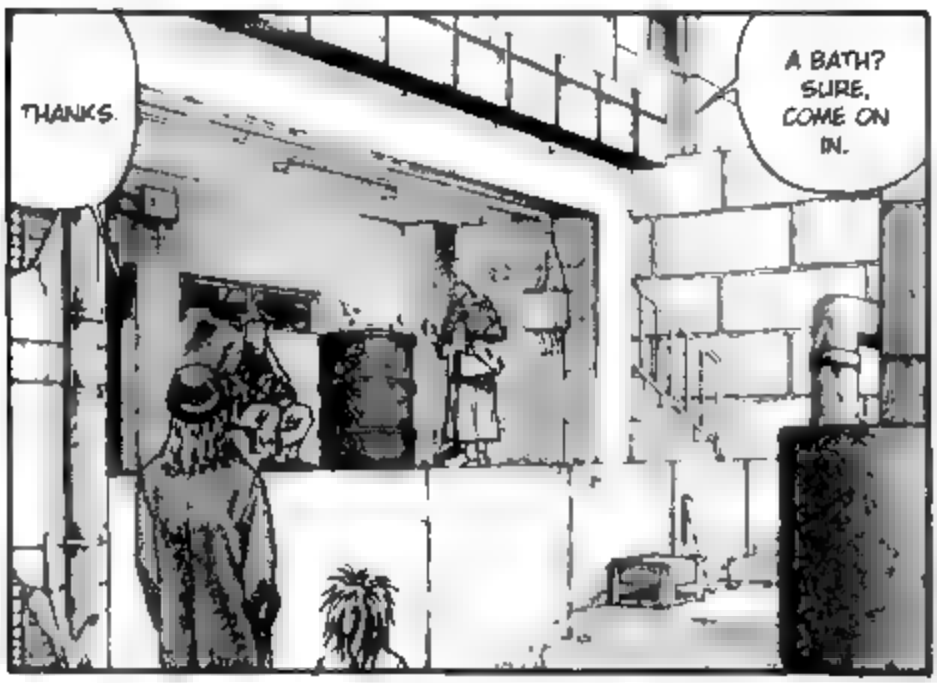
H-HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?
HUH ?

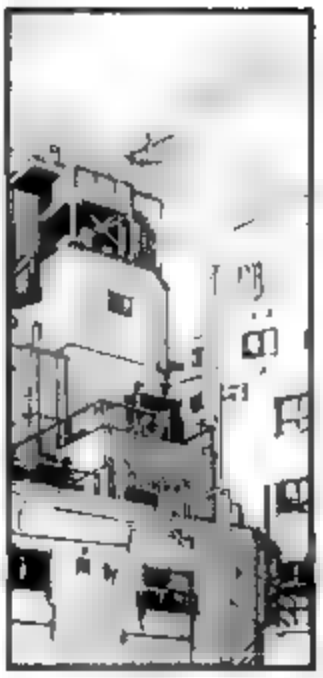
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D ACTUALLY RESORT TO TAKING MONEY IN THE FORM OF A "REWARD."
JIN ...

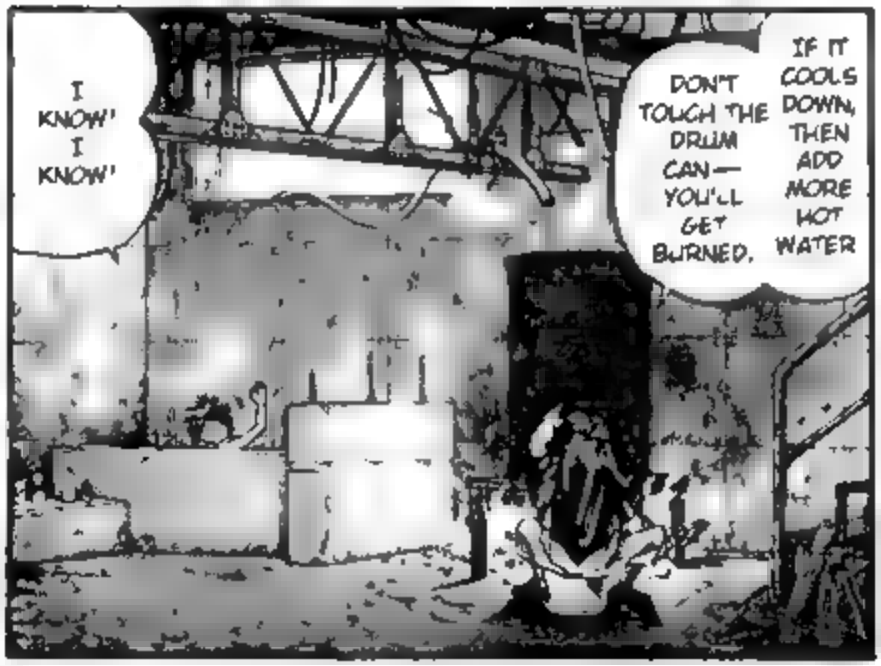

OH ...
I HEARD IT WHILE I WAS IN TOWN.
YOU THINK THE OTHER BUMS ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE I TALK TO?
I DIDN'T EVEN TELL ANYONE YET...
YOU MUST LEARN THAT IT NEVER SOLVES ANYTHING.
EVEN WITH THOSE RIGHT INTENTIONS, VIOLENCE ONLY GIVES BIRTH TO HATRED
ARE YOU HELPING THEM WITH THE RIGHT INTEN-TIONS?
IT IS A GOOD DEED TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.
.....
UH
THAT'S NOT WHAT I
THE LADY LAST NIGHT WAS REALLY HAPPY!
SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
I DON'T REALLY GET WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
HMMM

I SEE. THIS MUST STILL BE HARD FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND
NO.
WE'RE GOING OUT NOW TO STUDY THE SOCIETY
ARE WE DONE YET?
CAN I GO OUT AND PLAY?
.....
YOU HAVEN'T USED ANY OF YOUR MONEY YET, RIGHT?
TRY BUYING SOMETHING YOU WANT WITH YOUR OWN MONEY, AND BUYING A MEAL WITH YOUR OWN MONEY
THIS IS A CHANCE FOR YOU TO LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF MONEY
W-WHAT!? YOU MEAN WE'RE GOING TO USE IT!?
WHAT'S A KID GONNA DO WITH THAT MUCH MONEY ANYWAY? IT'S FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR STUDIES, AFTER ALL
HUH? BUT THAT MONEY WAS FOR
NOW THEN, JIN, HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE SO FAR?
10,762 YEN.

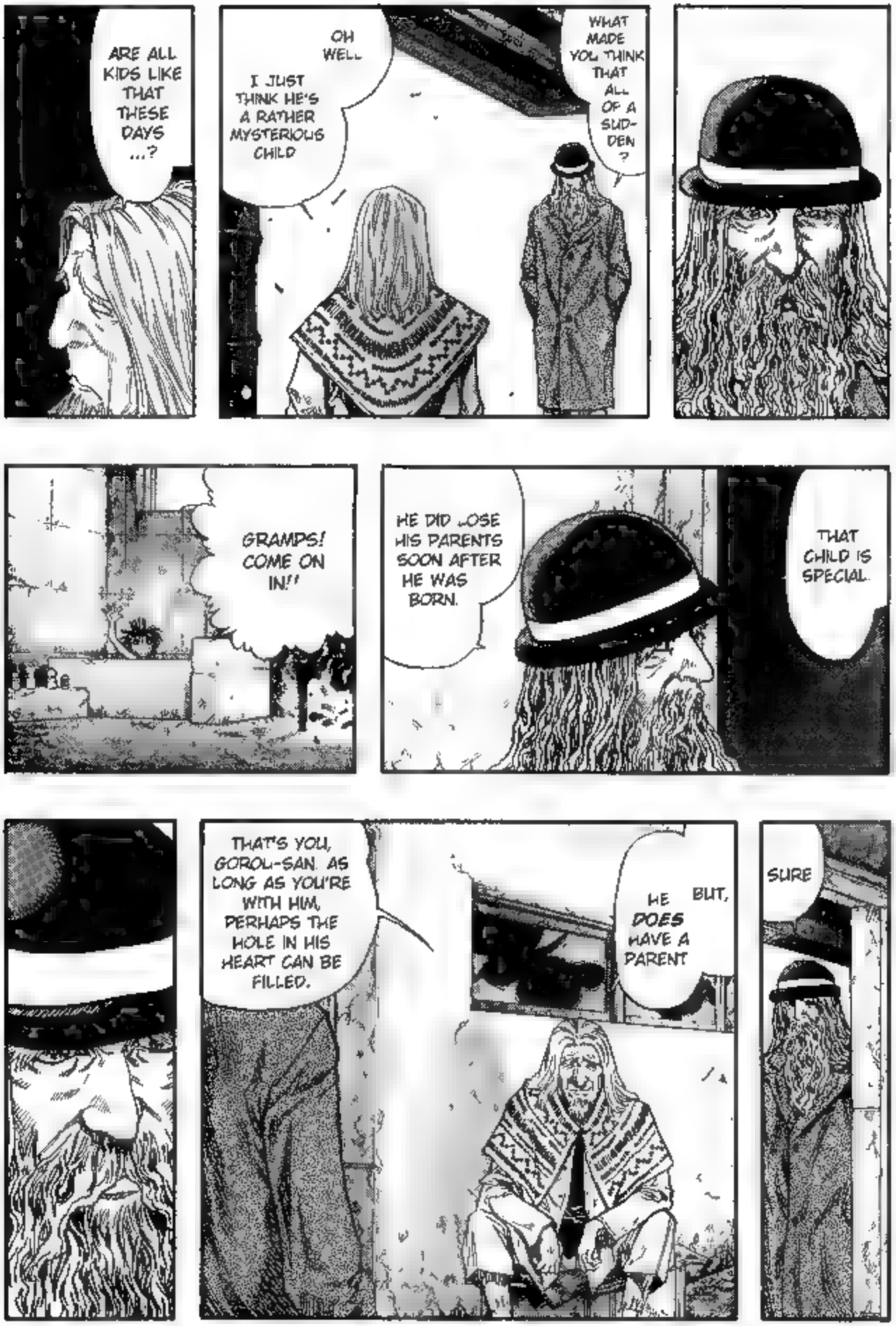

FIRST, THOUGH
WE OUGHTTA CLEAN YOU UP A BIT.
OOO OOH ..
BUT I NEEDED THAT MONEY .....

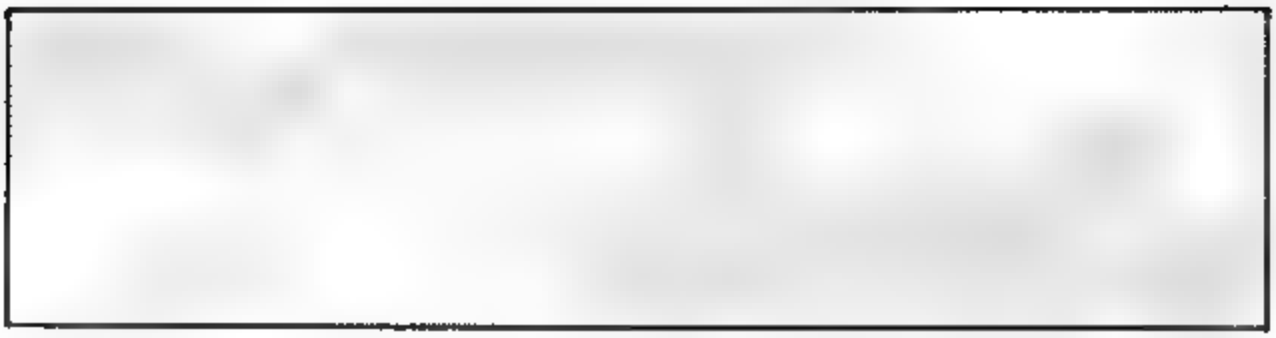

A BATH? SURE, COME ON IN.
THANKS.



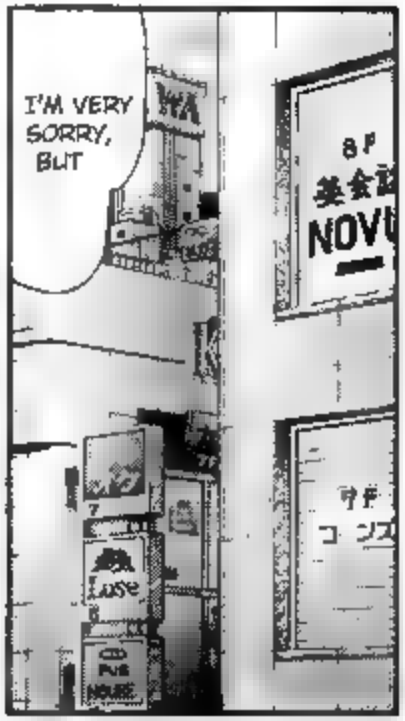

I KNOW' I KNOW'
DON'T TOUCH THE DRUM CAN— YOU'LL GET BURNED.
IF IT COOLS DOWN, THEN ADD MORE HOT WATER

THAT BOY'S CHANGED A LOT.
NOW HE'S AS ENERGETIC AS CAN BE...
HE WAS LIKE AN EMOTION-LESS DOLL WHEN HE FIRST CAME TO US. .
YOU STILL CAN'T SEE WHAT LIES WITHIN THAT CHILD'S HEART .....
HOW-EVER ... ONE THING HAS NOT CHANGED.


ARE ALL KIDS LIKE THAT THESE DAYS ...?
OH WELL
I JUST THINK HE'S A RATHER MYSTERIOUS CHILD
WHAT MADE YOU THINK THAT ALL OF A SUD-DEN ?
GRAMPS! COME ON IN!!
HE DID LOSE HIS PARENTS SOON AFTER HE WAS BORN.
THAT CHILD IS SPECIAL.
THAT'S YOU, GOROU-SAN. AS LONG AS YOU'RE WITH HIM, PERHAPS THE HOLE IN HIS HEART CAN BE FILLED.
BUT, HE DOES HAVE A PARENT
SURE



TSUMINE
WHY NOT ?
WE CANNOT ALLOW YOU INTO THE STORE


I'M VERY SORRY, BUT
NOVU

.....

HOWEVER, COULD YOU PLEASE FIND A SHIRT, SWEATER, AND PANTS THAT WILL FIT HIM?
THE CHEAPEST ONES.
WE UNDER-STAND. WE WON'T COME IN.

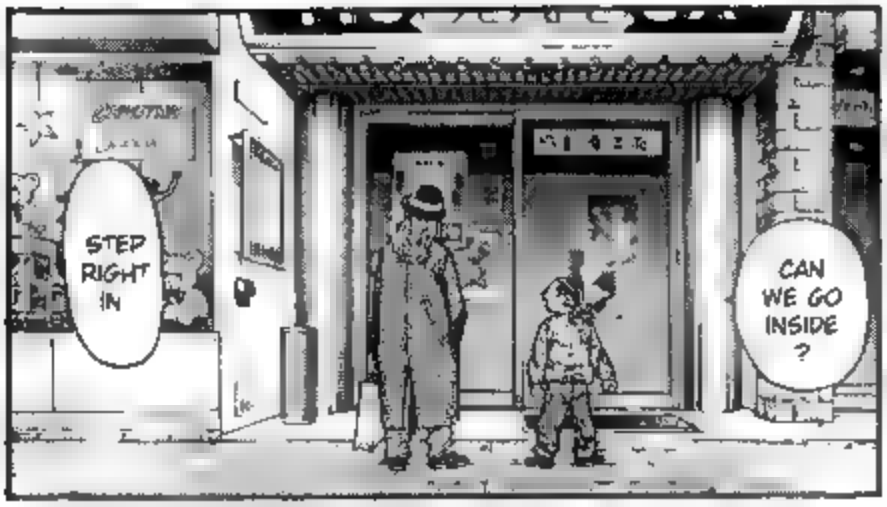
HUH? TROUBLE ?
BUT WE'RE NOT BAD GUYS
BECAUSE YOU'LL CAUSE TROUBLE FOR THE OTHER CUSTOM-ERS.

THUD
WOW!

HOBBY IX

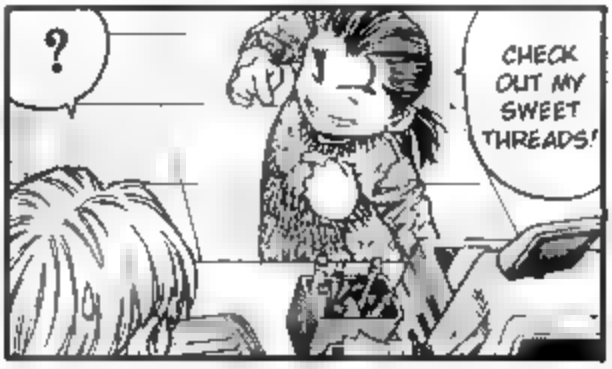
WHAT DO YOU THINK? PRETTY FUN, HUH?

SO, WHERE TO NEXT ??
TA-DA !!


STEP RIGHT IN
CAN WE GO INSIDE ?

.....
WHAT DO YOU USE IT FOR ?

Weeeeeen

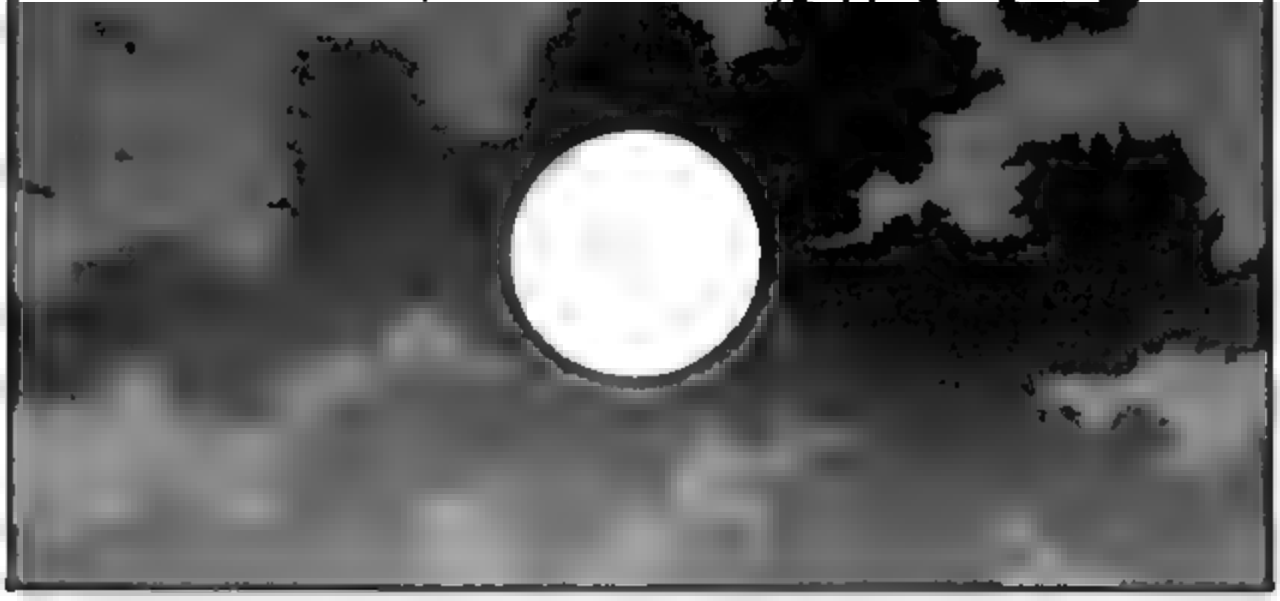

?
CHECK OUT MY SWEET THREADS!

I'LL HAVE ONE OF THESE !!

OH!

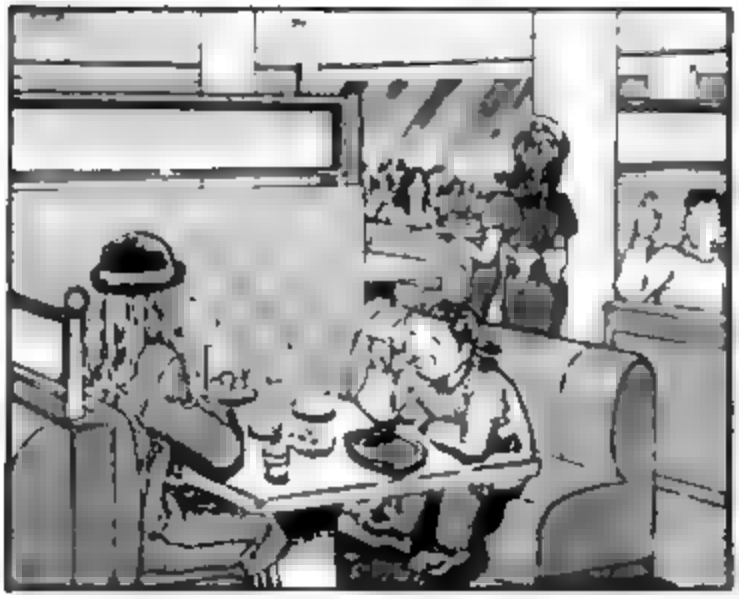
RANGER
AIRFORCE

I WANNA BUY IT, CUZ IT LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU!
WHERE DO WE GO NOW !?



Delly's

GO AHEAD EAT UNTIL YOU'RE FULL
MUNCH
MUNCH



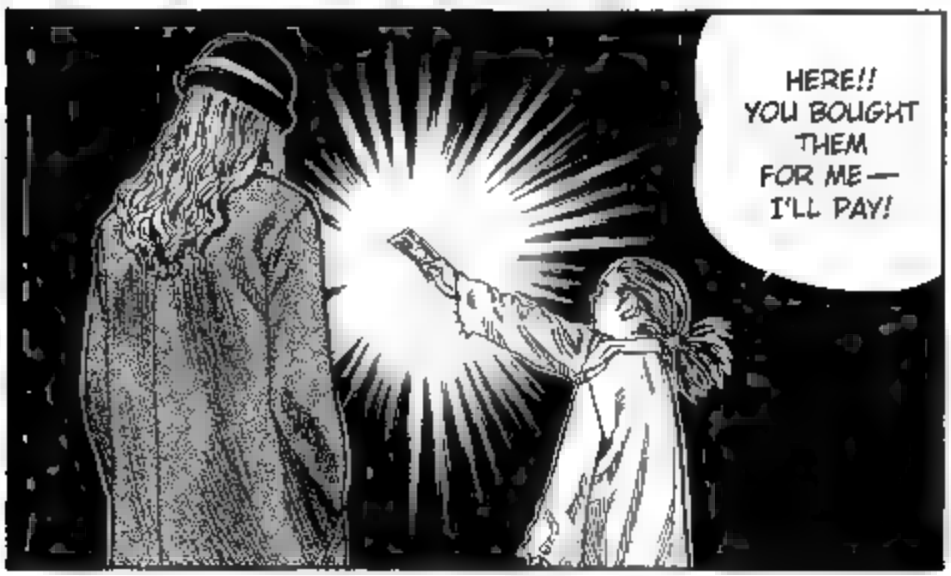
IS THAT SO ?

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN, GRAMPS

I.
I DIDN'T USE MY OWN MONEY .... .!
BUT ..
YOU HAD TO PAY FOR ALL OF IT

WELL, I SHOULD KEEP THEM CLEAN FOR THE NEXT TIME WE GO TO TOWN, RIGHT?
WHY DID YOU CHANGE OUT OF YOUR NEW CLOTHES ?
I SEE.

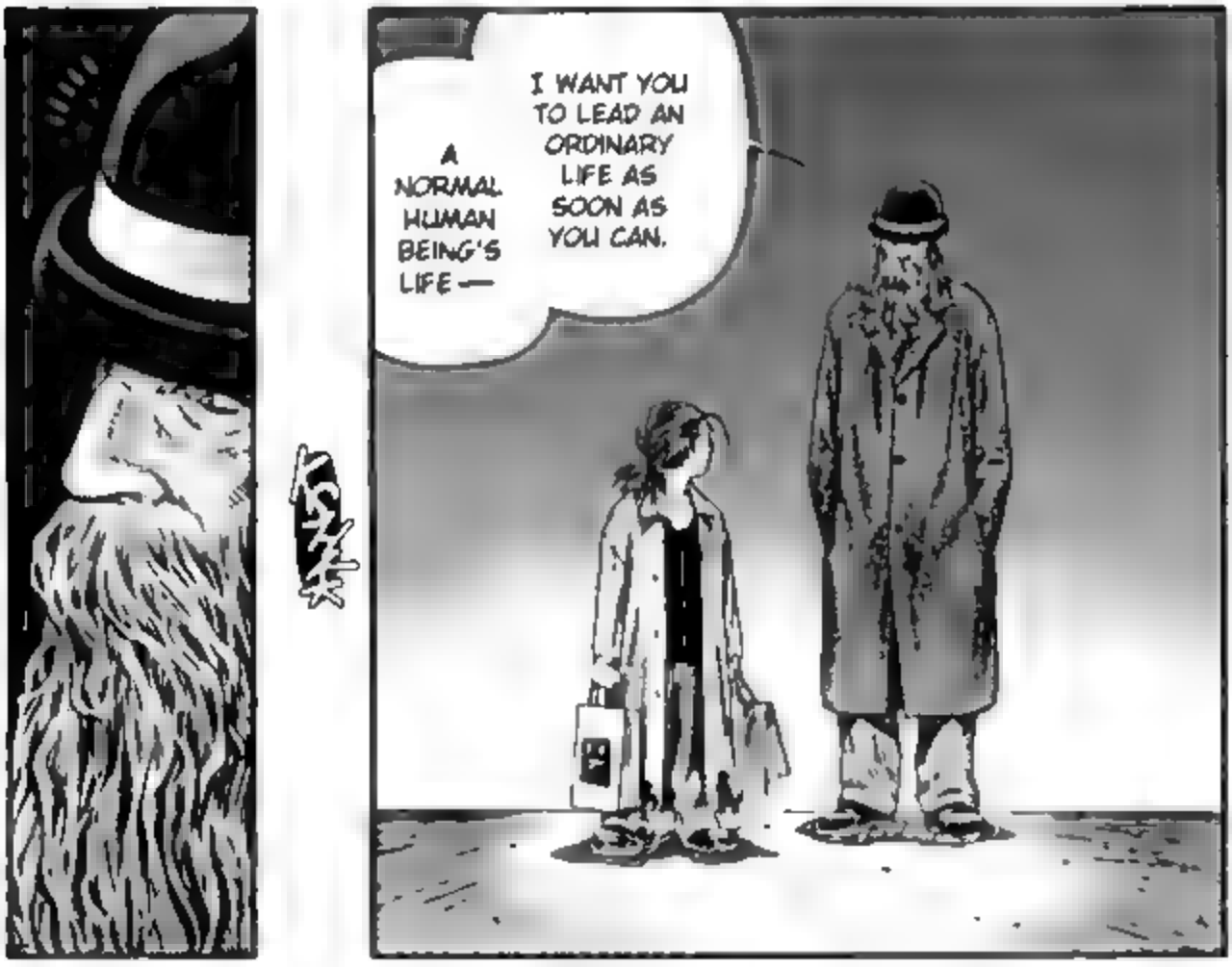
YOU CAN USE IT NEXT TIME.


HERE!! YOU BOUGHT THEM FOR ME— I'LL PAY!

ERMMM.

I SEE. WELL THEN, THANK YOU.

HUH? UH, OKAY.
BUT WHY EVERY DAY—
YOU HAVE TO LEARN THE RULES OF SOCIETY QUICKLY, TOO.
THEN, LET'S USE THIS MONEY FOR TOMORROW'S SOCIETY CLASS, TOO.


A NORMAL HUMAN BEING'S LIFE—
I WANT YOU TO LEAD AN ORDINARY LIFE AS SOON AS YOU CAN.

ZETMAN

SHA
SHA
SHA

GRRR!
GRRR!
SHA
SHA
THUMP
GRRR!
GRRR!
SHA
SHA

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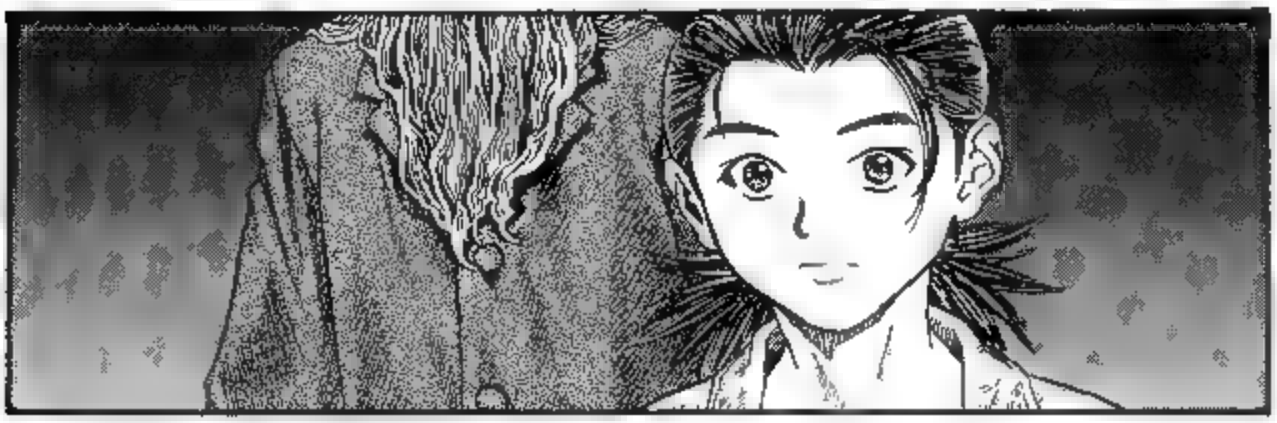
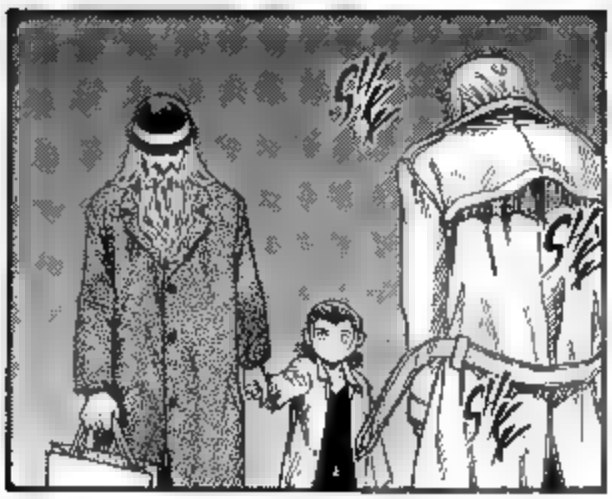
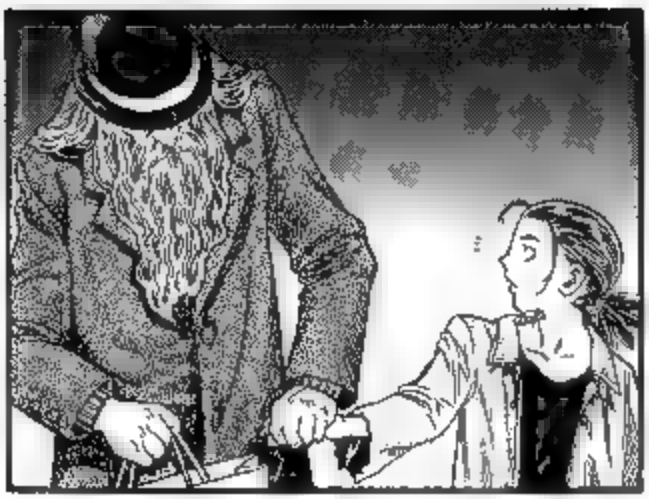


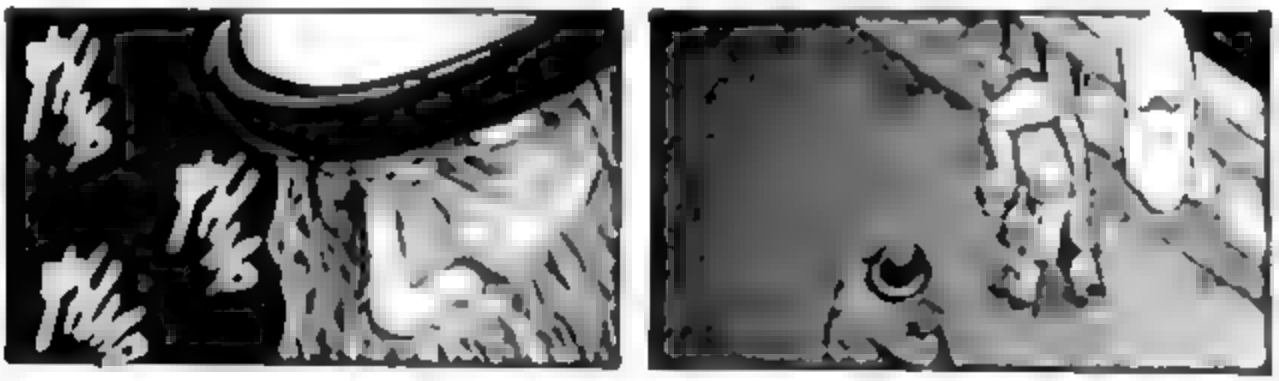
Chapter 3

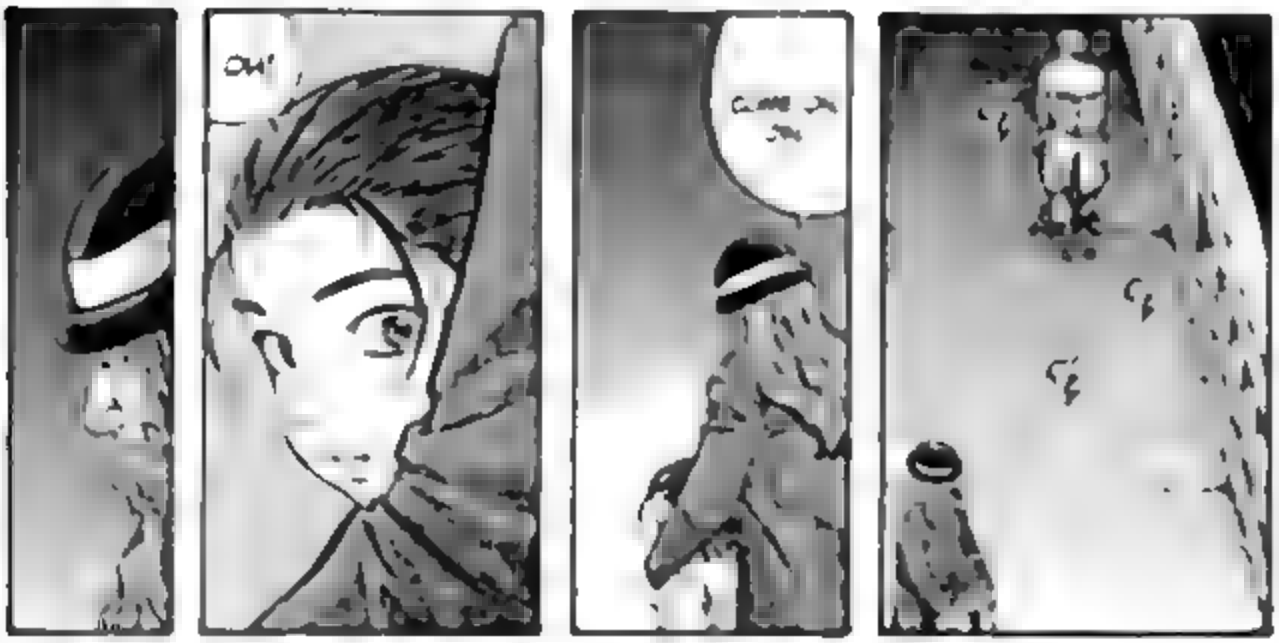
(A VIOLENT RESCUE)





NOOO !!
HRR NGG !!!
RAA ARR GHH !!!



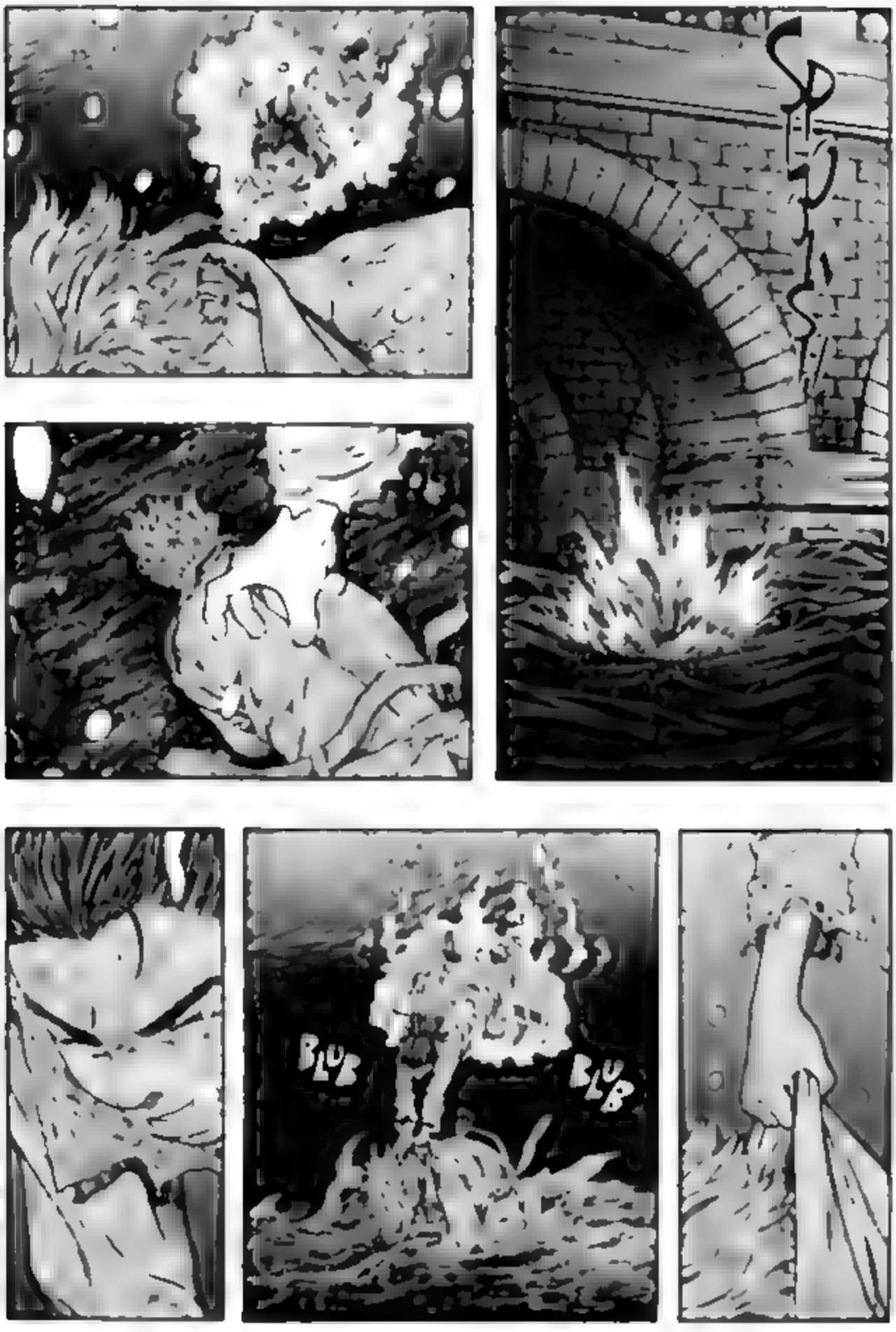

OH!

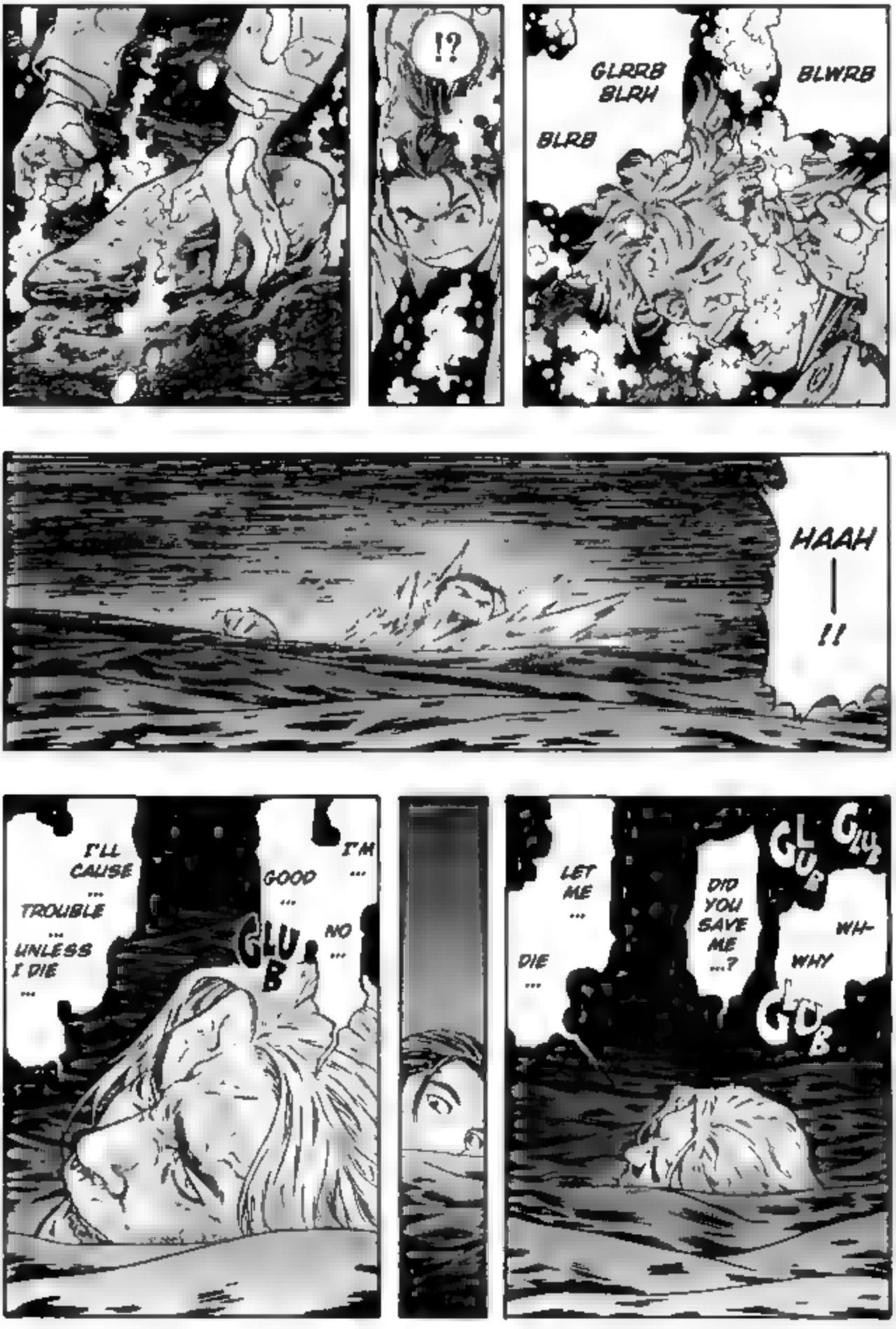
SPLOOOSH!!!

SUICIDE !? YOU FOOL!

JIN, YOU STAY HERE!
GRAMPS, GONNA SAVE HIM?
IT'LL BE TROUBLE FOR US IF YOU DIE HERE!!
10,000 YEN IS MINE !!

FISH
!


BLUB
BLUB


!?
GLRRB
BLRH
BLWRB
BLRB
HAAH
—
!!
I'LL CAUSE ... TROUBLE ... UNLESS I DIE ...
GOOD ...
I'M ...
NO ...
GLUB
LET ME ... DIE ...
DID YOU SAVE ME ...?
WH- WHY
GLUB
GLUB

JIN, GET AWAY FROM HIM!!

AAAA AAAH HHHH !!
AAAA AAAH HHHH !!

AAH
?

SHWIP

!!!
SPLASH

WHAT'S WITH YOU!?
WHACK
???
FWAM

THUD
UGH !!

!
D-...
DAMN

WHY DID YOU HAVE TO DO THAT ?
YOU SHOULD HAVE LET ME DIE

HA
HA
I... I... THOUGHT SO!

WHY'D YOU DO THIS!? ANYWAY, I'M GOING TO KICK YOUR ASS! GET OVER HERE !!
YOU REALLY HURT EVERYONE BADLY !!

JIN !!
MAN! I SHOULDN'T HAVE HELPED YOU!!

YOU'RE A LITTLE STRANGE.
HUH ?
HUH? WHAT !?
DON'T MESS WITH HIM!! PLEASE, DON'T MESS WITH HIM !!!
LIKE YOU SHOULD TALK!! COME ON!!
JIN !!
YOU'D MAKE A NICE MEAL.
AN INTER-ESTING BRAT ..

LOOK WHAT HE DID TO EVERYONE! I CAN'T JUST...

CHIP
DID IT AGAIN ...
OOPS ...
SPOSH

ZETMAN

GRR
AAAR
GGH
!!!

I WAS A FOOL TO FEAR AWAKEN-ING!
WHAT A GREAT FEELING!! MY BODY IS SO LIGHT!
I'LL KILL EVERYTHING IN SIGHT !!
ALL RIGHT.

Chapter 4

(AWAKEN)

RUN AWAY !!
YOU FOOL! RUN ...
I'LL GET YOUR ARM BACK RIGHT NOW!!
HOLD ON, GRAMPS !!
YOUR ARM... YOU'LL LOSE IT !!
BUT!! IF WE DON'T STICK IT BACK ON...!!
!!
YOU'RE AN IDIOT — AREN'T YOU?

THUD
WHSHH
OH!
GIVE HIS ARM BACK !!
SHUT UP !!

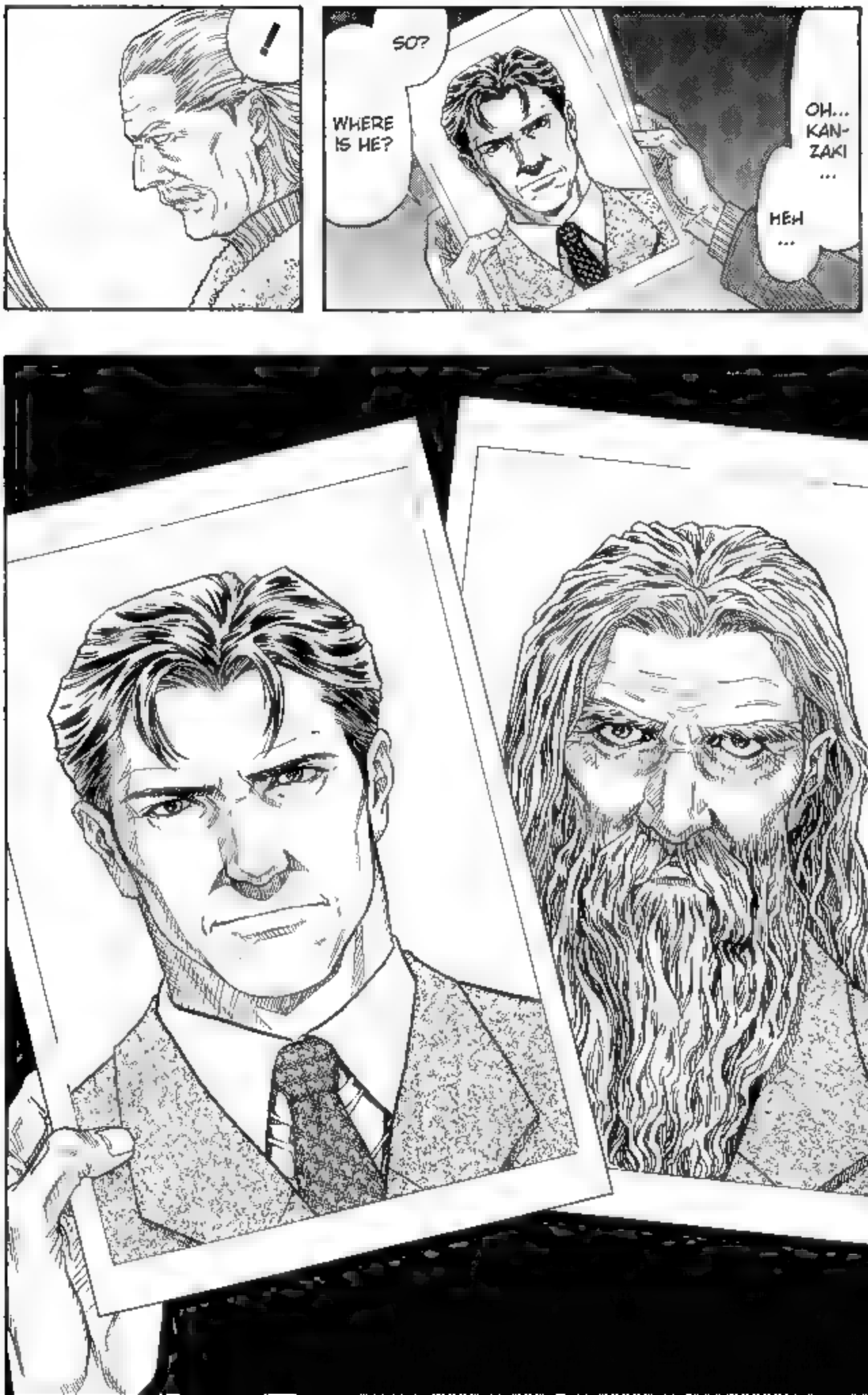
THP!
NO
PAIN
!!
UGH!
J-
JIN!
!
WHACK
DAMN!!
DAMN!!
DAMN!!

.....
NO PAIN ...
BWHOA
AT ALL !!
GAH !!
AHR

NO.
.....
DON'T HURT THE BOY !!
IF YOU WANT TO KILL, THEN KILL ME!!
I WANT TO HAVE FUN!!! HAHA HAHA!!
WHY WASTE TIME ON GUYS WHO WILL DIE ANYWAY !?
TOP TOP TOP
UGH ...

HA
HA
HA
THEN
IF I CAN BUY TIME
.....
I SEE..
THUD
HYAA !!
SORRY, BUT...
I'M GOING TO ENJOY MYSELF
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME... I'VE AWA-KENED.

BOOM
WE'LL
LOOKING


!
SO?
WHERE IS HE?
OH... KAN-ZAKI ...
HEH ...

GAA
!!
HYAAHOO!!

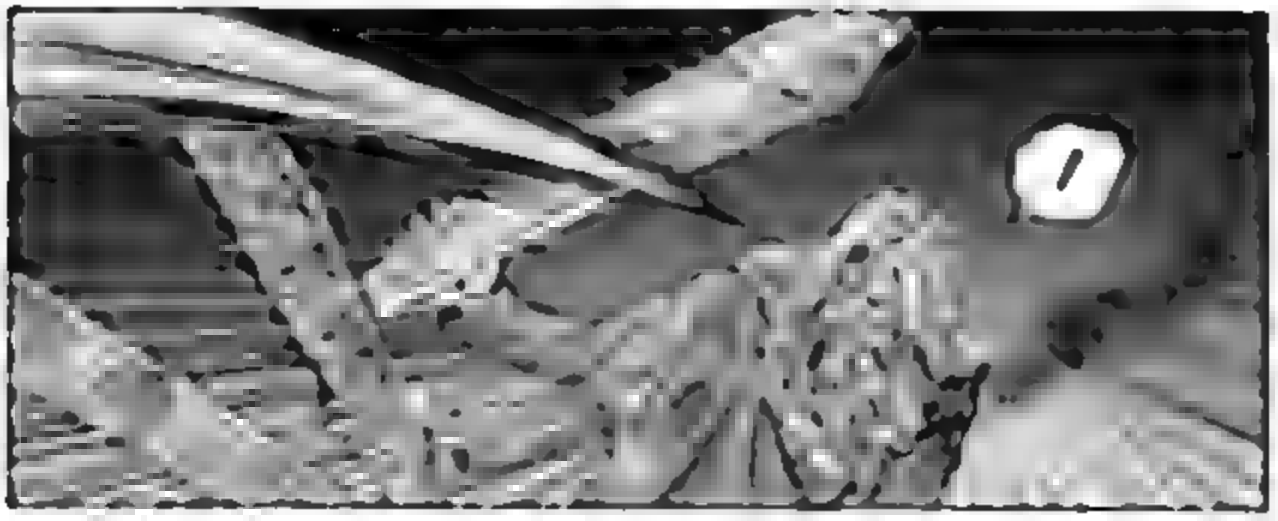
SKRASH

KRSHH KRSHH KRSHH SSH
ING ...
SI SSHH
HOUSE .....
GRAMPS ...
KSH

TO KILL JUST ME !!
I TOLD YOU ...
GRRRR?
CRRRR —

ZETMAN

SPASH



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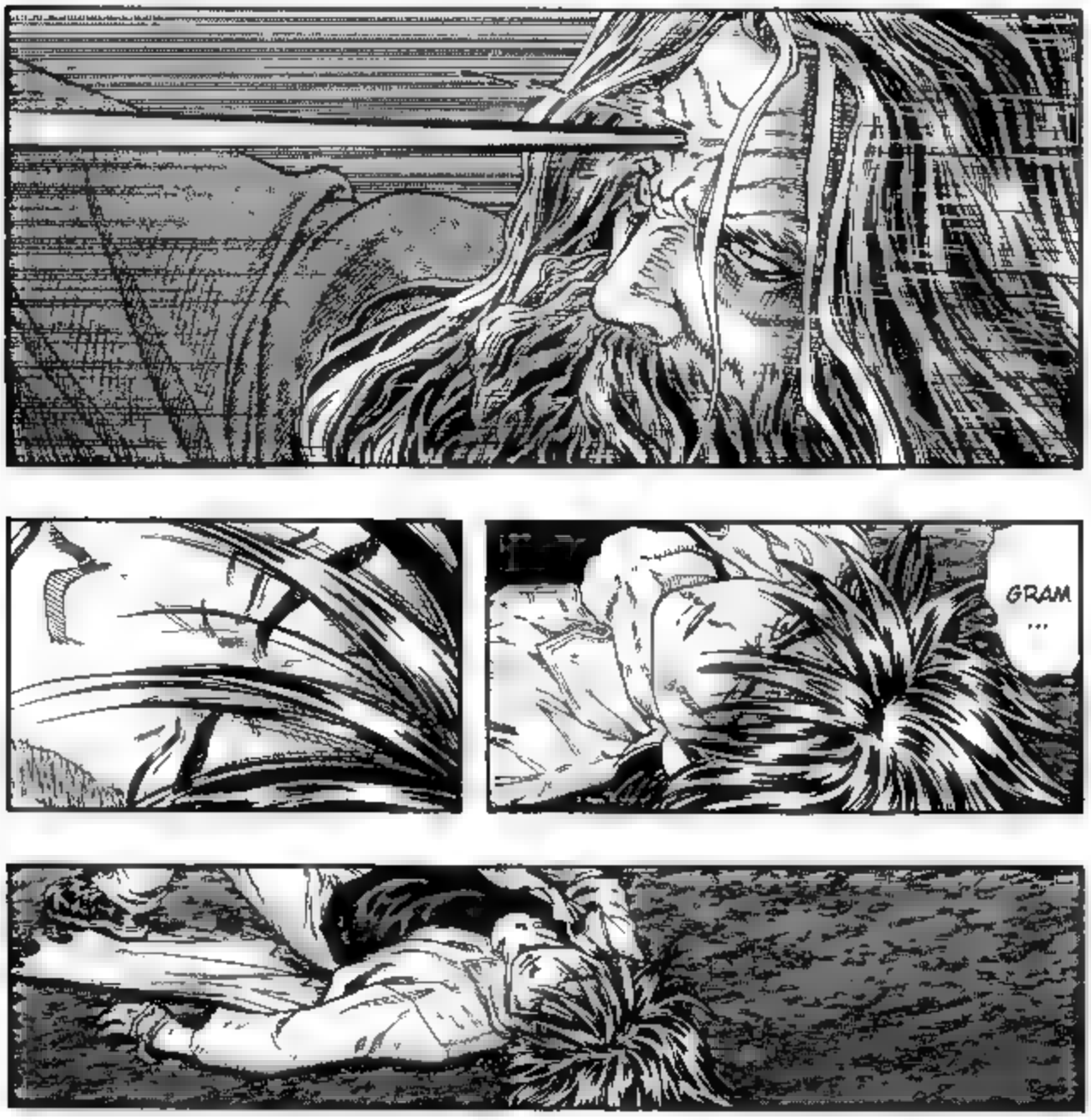
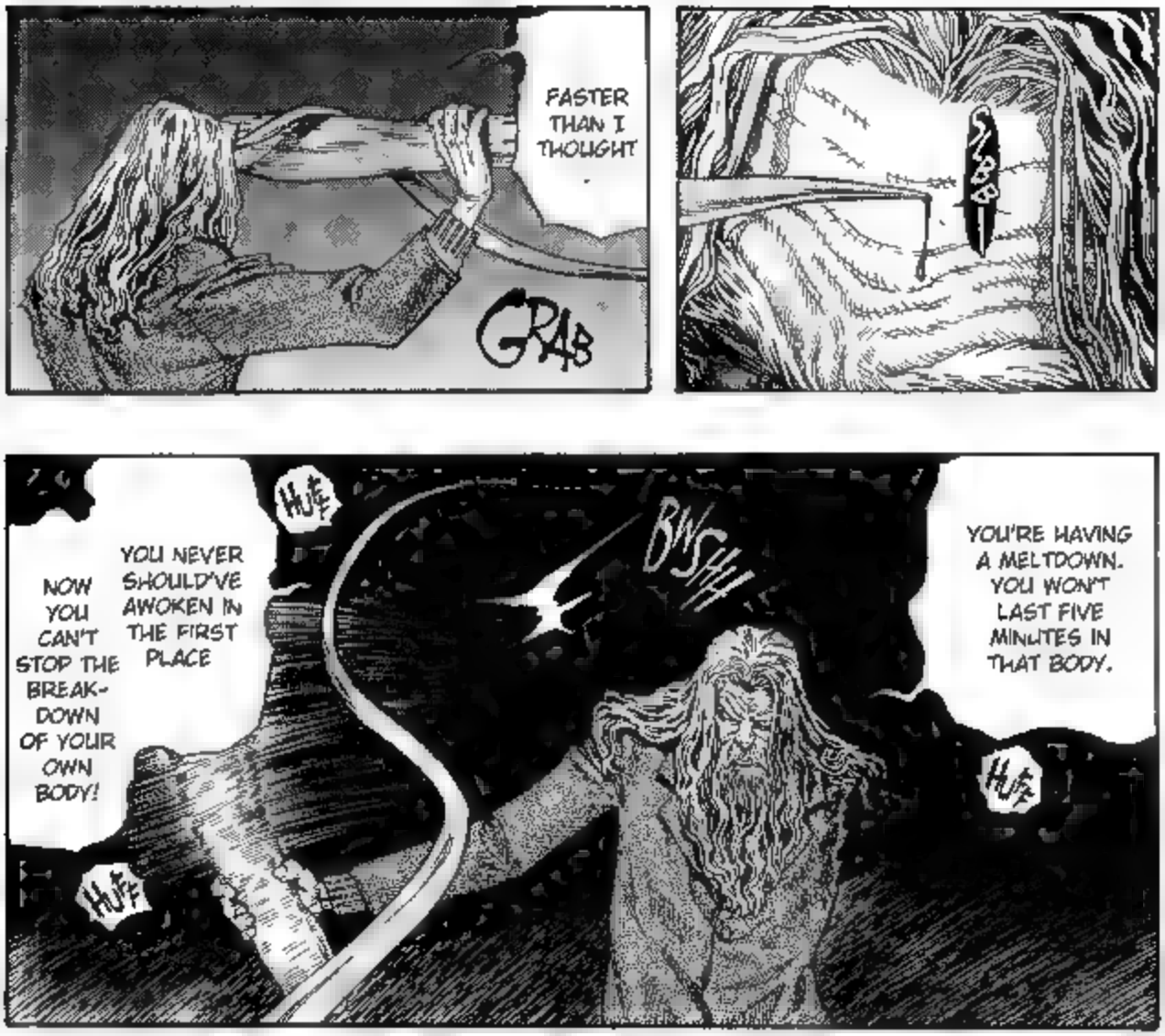


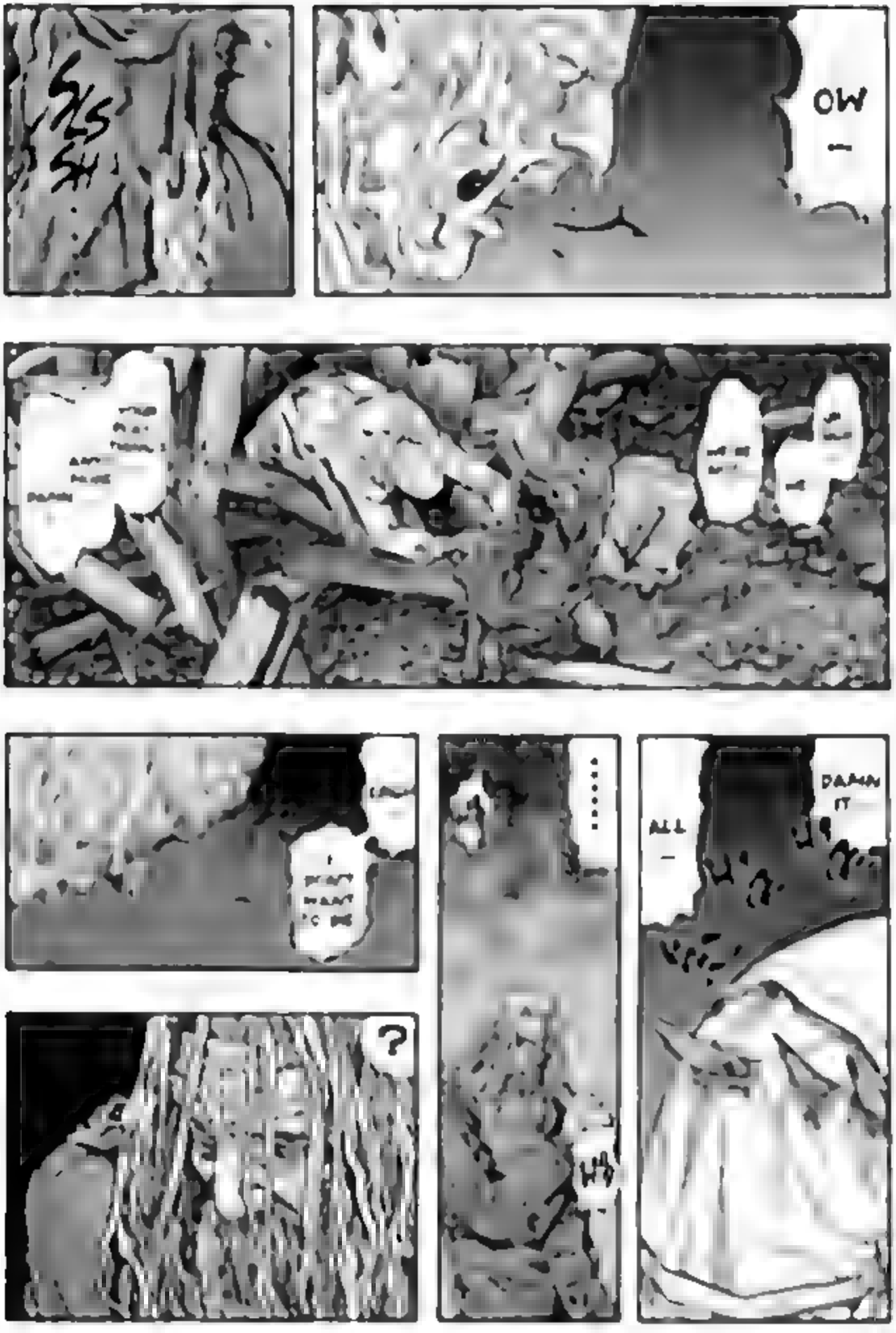
Chapter 5

(DOCTOR KANZAKI)


FASTER THAN I THOUGHT
GRAB
SHA
HUFF
BWSHH
YOU NEVER SHOULD'VE AWOKEN IN THE FIRST PLACE
NOW YOU CAN'T STOP THE BREAK-DOWN OF YOUR OWN BODY!
HUFF
YOU'RE HAVING A MELTDOWN. YOU WON'T LAST FIVE MINUTES IN THAT BODY.
HUFF
HAVE THE RECENT CASES ALL BEEN YOUR DOING?
SHK
SHK
I HAVE SOME-THING TO ASK YOU.
HMPH!
HOW DID YOU...
H-HOW ...
... KNOW IT

JUST WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ??
A DETECT ??

?
I'M NOT A PRO-DUCT !!!
DAMN YOU !!!
WE'RE NOT THINGS !!
HRRRRR RRGK!
!!! ...


OW
—
DAMN
IT
ALL
—
.....
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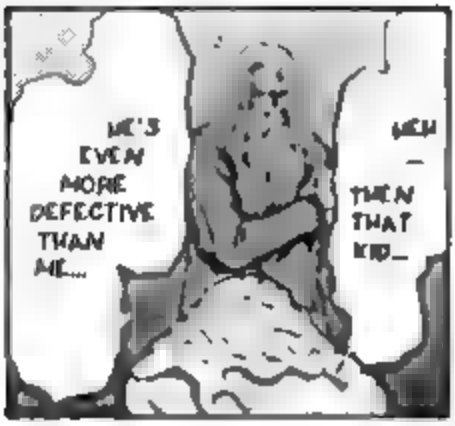

HE'S EVEN MORE DEFECTIVE THAN ME...
HEH — THEN THAT KID—

THOSE EMOTIONS HOW DID YOU GET THEM?
WHY DO YOU FEAR DEATH? YOU SHOULD ONLY HAVE A FIGHTING INSTINCT

SINCE HE HAS NO FEAR OF DYING.
THEN HE'S PERFECT.
IF HE'S A "PLAYER" ...
OR IS IT THE OPPO-SITE ...?

HE WILL SOON LEARN IT.

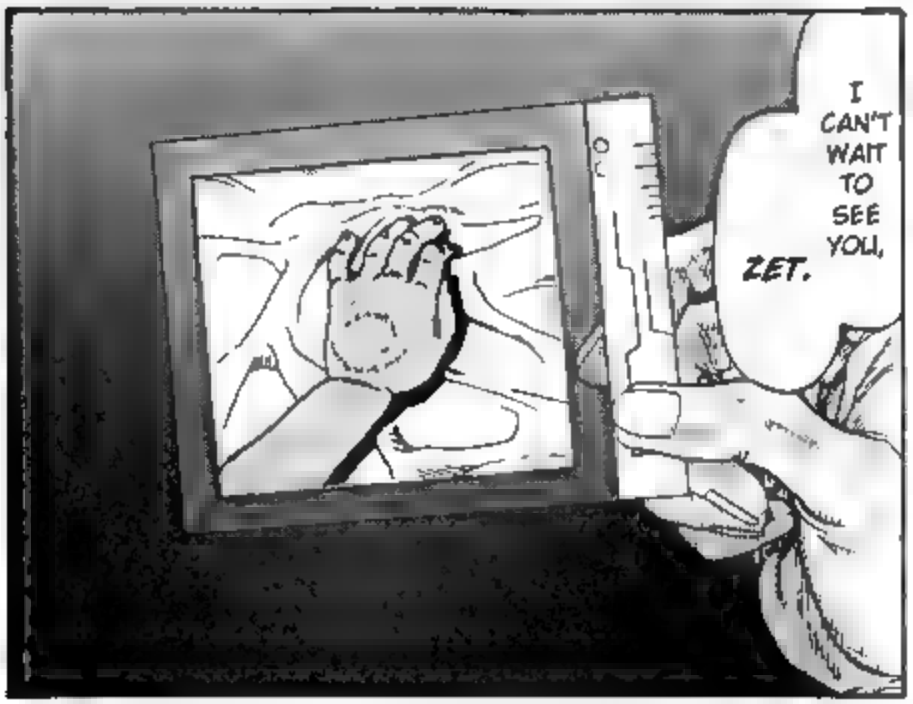
IS MY SON!
IS DIFFERENT FROM YOU GUYS.
AND THAT CHILD .
THAT CHILD ...
I HAVE ONE MORE QUES-TION
I THOUGHT HE SMELLED THE SAME AS US...
HMM ... WELL ...
DAMN ...
I'M DYING ...

GRAMPS.
OWWW.
KAN-ZAKI ...
DOC-TOR KAN-ZAKI.

YOU WANTED TO CUT OFF YOUR TIES TO US THAT MUCH? HEHEHE HEHE...
HE'S BEING SO CAU-TIOUS.
DIS-GUISED AS AN OLD MAN...

YES!
TELL THEM WE'LL BRING KANZAKI IN A FEW HOURS.
YES .. CONTACT THE LABORA-TORY.

FINDING HIM WILL BE HITTING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE...
HE'S A PIECE WE NEED TOO!
HE MUST BE HIDING HIMSELF SO CAREFULLY BECAUSE HE KNOWS ZET'S LOCATION


I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU, ZET.

HEHE ..

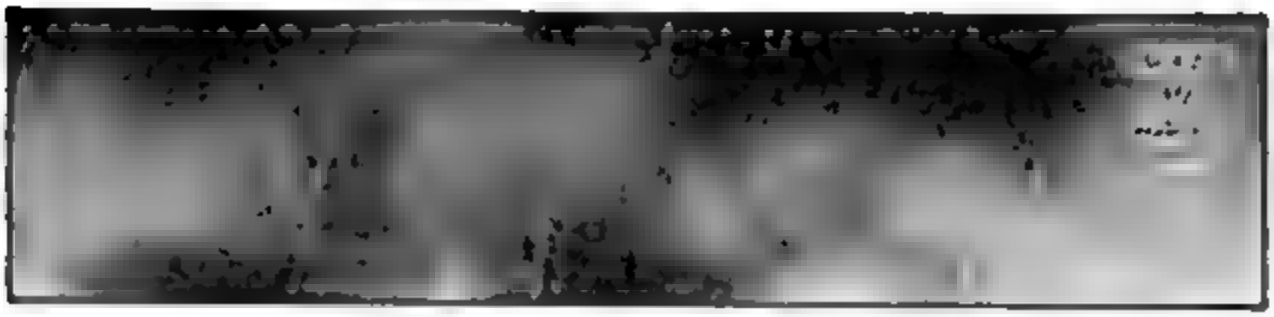
OH

ARE YOU TIRED? HOLD ON, I'LL GO GET YOUR ARM!!
OH!
WILL YOU SIT HERE?
JIN ...
WHAT ?

THIS IS THE LAST LESSON I CAN GIVE YOU

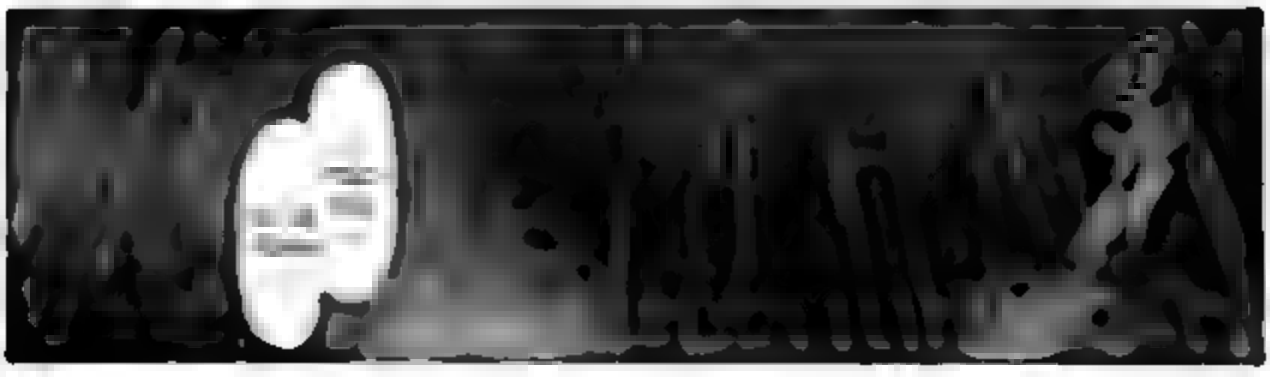
I DON'T LIKE WHEN YOU'RE WEAK LIKE THIS!!
I NEED TO REATTACH YOUR ARM FIRST!!
SAVE THE LESSONS FOR LATER!
YOU MUST BE TIRED. LIE DOWN FOR A BIT. I'LL FIND IT!!

JIN



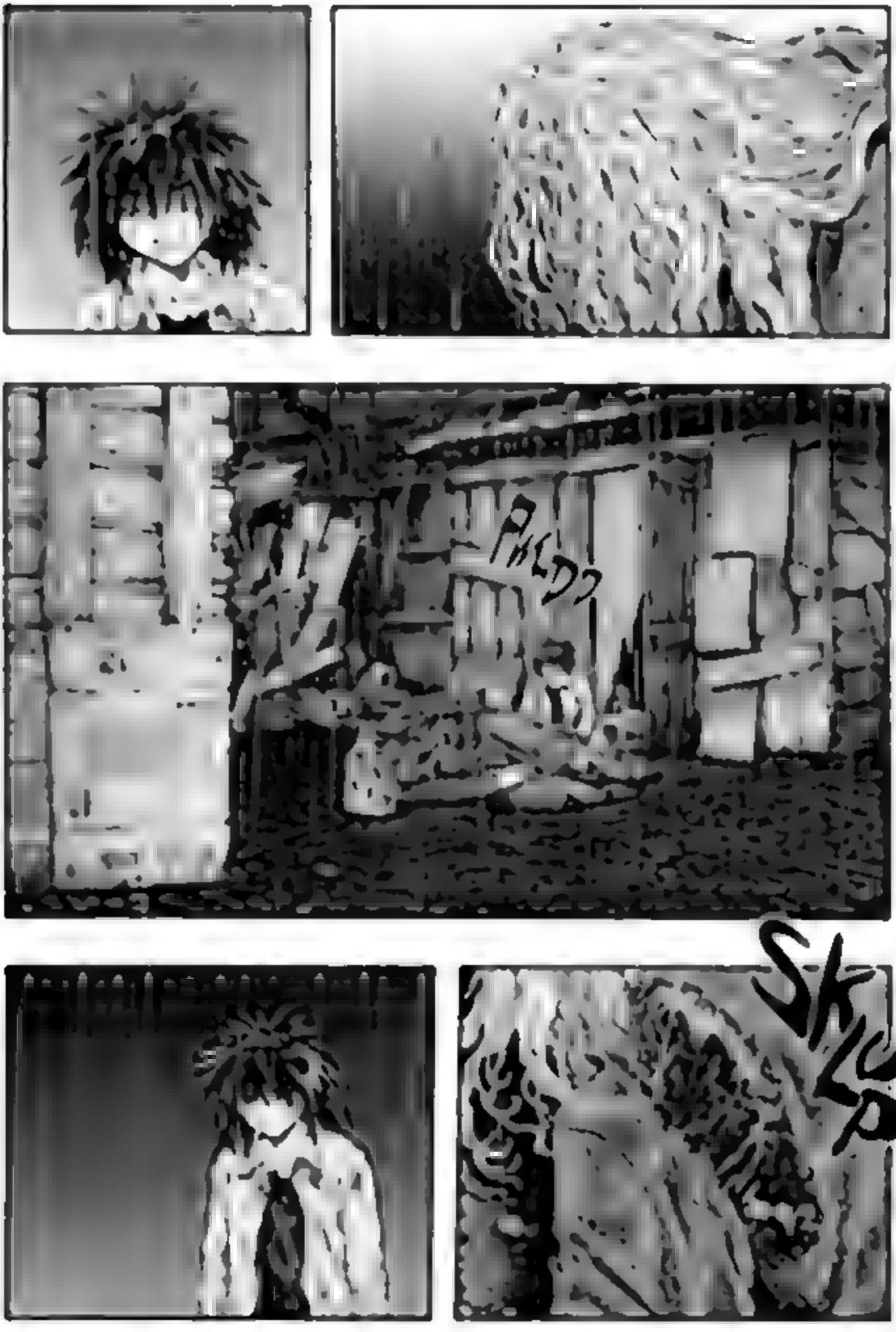
OH!

HUH ?
I FOUND IT, GRAMPS !!



GRAB
PLOP
AW!

GRB GRB GL RB
COME ON!
YAY!
I REAT-TACHED IT! SELF-HEALING WILL DO THE REST!! YOU'LL BE FINE!!
WAKE UP, GRAMPS!! I DID IT!
COME ON... PRAISE ME LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO.
HEY WAKE UP
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT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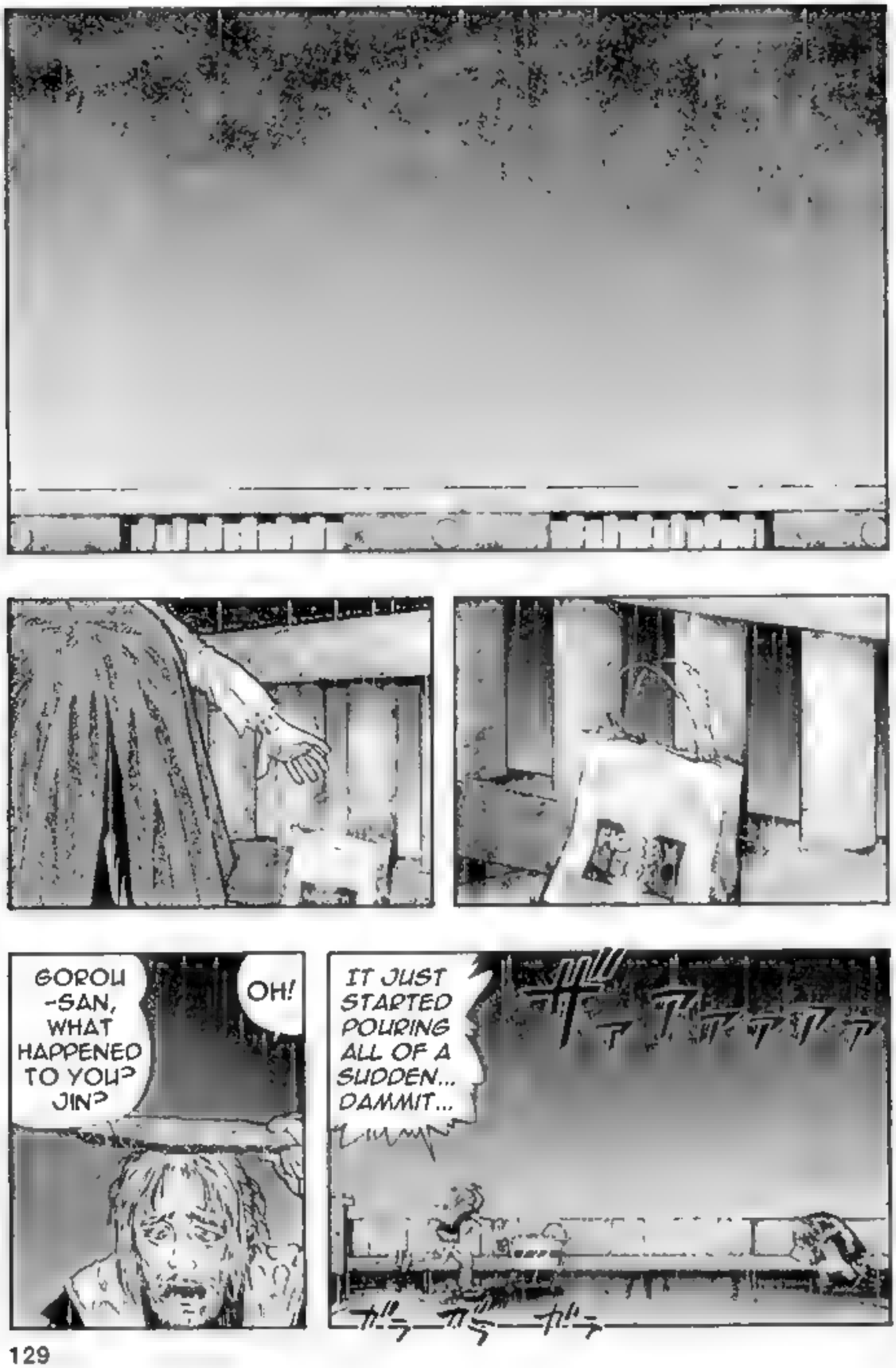
GOROU -SAN, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? JIN?
OH!
IT JUST STARTED POURING ALL OF A SUDDEN... DAMMIT...

AH... A HOSPITAL IS THAT PLACE WITH THOSE "DOCTOR" PEOPLE WHO CURE SICKNESSES, ISN'T IT?
W-W-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! A HOSPITAL OF COURSE!! A HOSPITAL!
GRANDPA'S ARM CAME OFF... IS THERE ANYONE WHO CAN PUT IT BACK ON?
CAN A DOCTOR FIX THAT TOO?
SO GRANDPA STOPPED MOVING A WHILE BACK...

Chapter 6: Raw Emotion

HELLO

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YO
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DOCTOR
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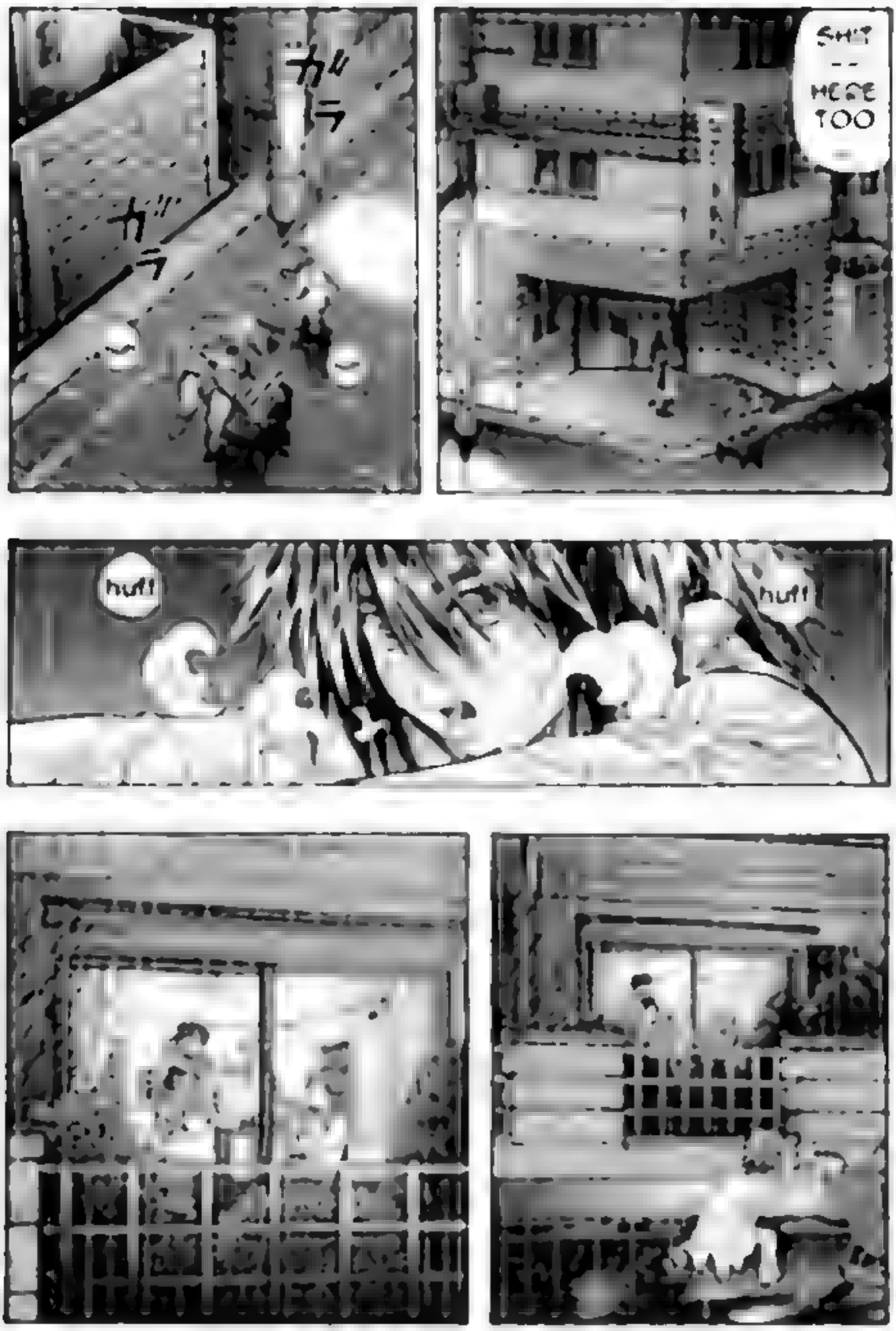
LET'S GO SOME-WHERE ELSE, GRANDPA
WHAT'S UP WITH THIS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SHIT
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HERE
TOO
huh!
huh!

HEY, GRANDPA...
OR DO YOU LIKE THE SMALL HOUSE WE'RE LIVING IN NOW MORE?
I WANNA TRY LIVING IN ONE OF THESE BIG HOUSES WITH YOU, GRANDPA!
HUH? WELL 'CUZ IT SEEMS LIKE FUN!
HMM?
WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN ...?
NEXT TIME LET'S LIVE IN A HOUSE LIKE THIS!
WE CAN'T LIVE IN A FINE HOUSE LIKE THIS WITHOUT MONEY...
HAHAHA! THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
WELL THEN LET'S GO LOOK RIGHT NOW!! LET'S LOOK FOR OUR BIG HOUSE!!
AHHH YES... IF I COULD ONLY LIVE A PROPER LIFE WITH JIN THEN I WOULD REALLY BE HAPPY...

LOTS OF MONEY.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE USED IT AFTER ALL...
LOTS OF MONEY, HUH...
AFTER GRAND-PA'S ALL FIXED UP
WE STILL WON'T HAVE A HOUSE TO LIVE IN.
ANYWAY... FIRST I GOTTA GET GRANDPA FIXED!
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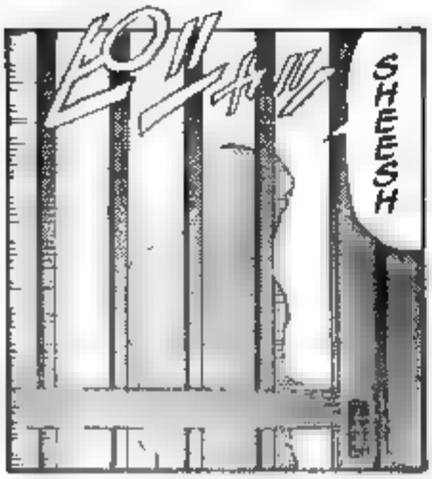
IS THERE A DOCTOR IN HERE!?
OH!
YO!
WHAT THE HELL!?
WHAT TIME DO YOU THINK IT IS!? EXAMINATION HOURS ARE OVER!
HIS ARM CAME OFF AND HE STOPPED MOVING...
PLEASE FIX GRANDPA!

HERE

IF YOU WANT MONEY ...

I'LL GIVE THIS TO YOU, SO PLEASE FIX GRANDPA!!!
THIS IS ALL I'VE GOT BUT IT'S THE MONEY I'VE SAVED UP FOR GRANDPA TO BUY OUR HOUSE!!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WAH!
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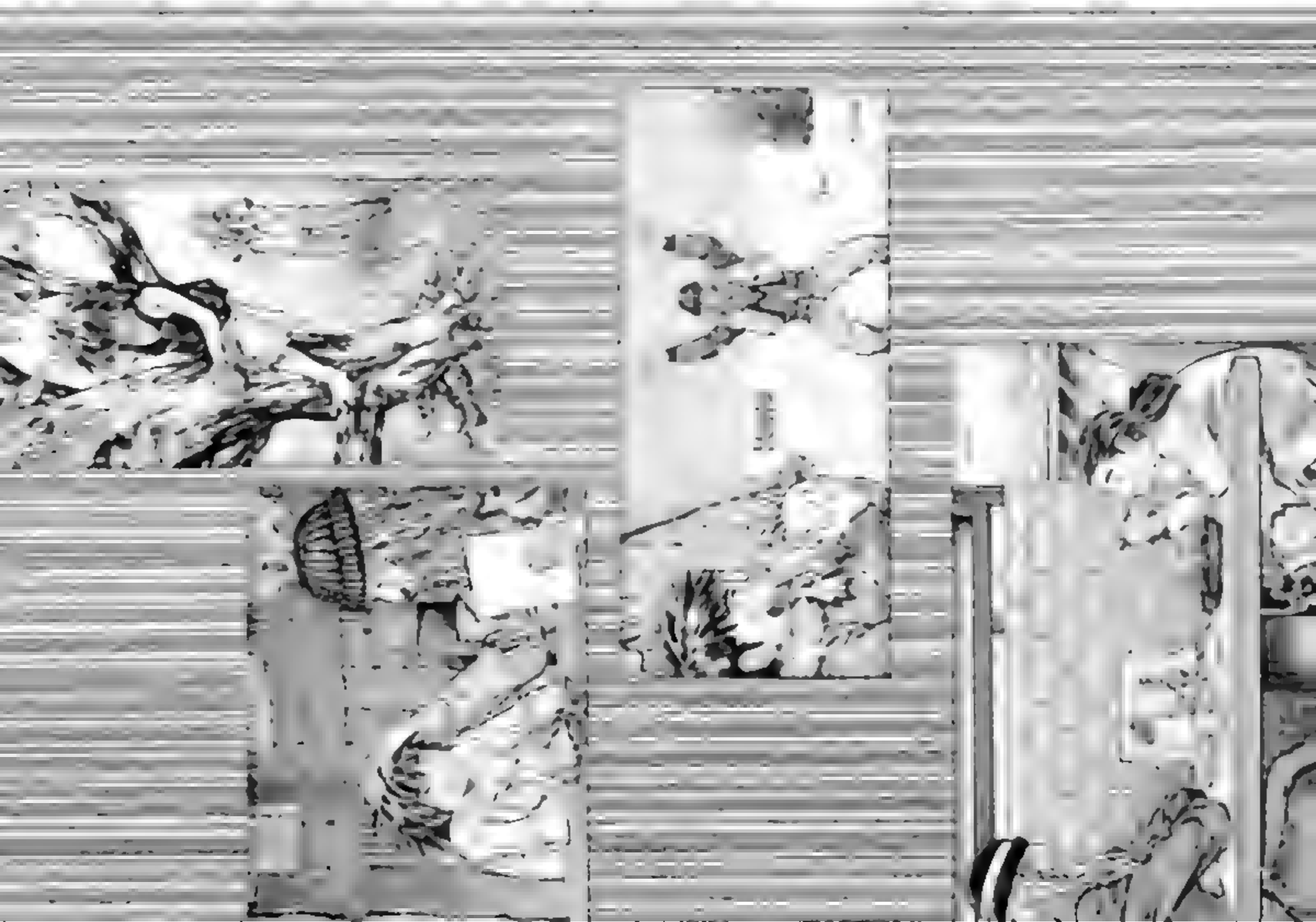

JIN.....

WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW
WHAT

WHY ARE THOSE HAPPY MEM-ORIES FILLING MY HEAD ?
WHY IS ... ... GRAND-PA ..
THIS IS WEIRD ... DAMMIT ...
WHY IS IT THAT ... EVEN THOUGH I'M REMEM-BERING THOSE HAPPY TIMES ...
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ピンク♡ピーチ

PAPER READS: SEXY PUB
PINK♡PEACH-CHAN

SIGN: SEXY PUB
PINK ♡ PEACH -CHAN
"IT'S THAT TIME OF THE NIGHT AGAIN!!"
THIS OLD MAN IS DIS-GUSTING ...
"LINGERIE DANCE... COME ON!"
"SPECIAL SHOW TIME!"

NO LICKING, OLD MAN!!
BAKI
GYA!
SAKURA-SAN, COULD YOU COME OVER HERE...
HUH? WHO?
WELL IT'S THIS REALLY DIRTY KID, HE'S BEING REALLY INSISTENT.
AH!! IT'S PROBABLY THAT KID!!

HEY GET IN HERE! YOU'RE TOTALLY SOAKED !
DID YOU DO LIKE I ASKED
AND TAKE A ...
HEY BOY! WEL- COME!
BATH FIRST ...?
WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT'S WITH THAT SCARY FACE...
I CAN'T SMILE... I JUST CAN'T SMILE...
I DUNNO IT'S JUST WEIRD ...

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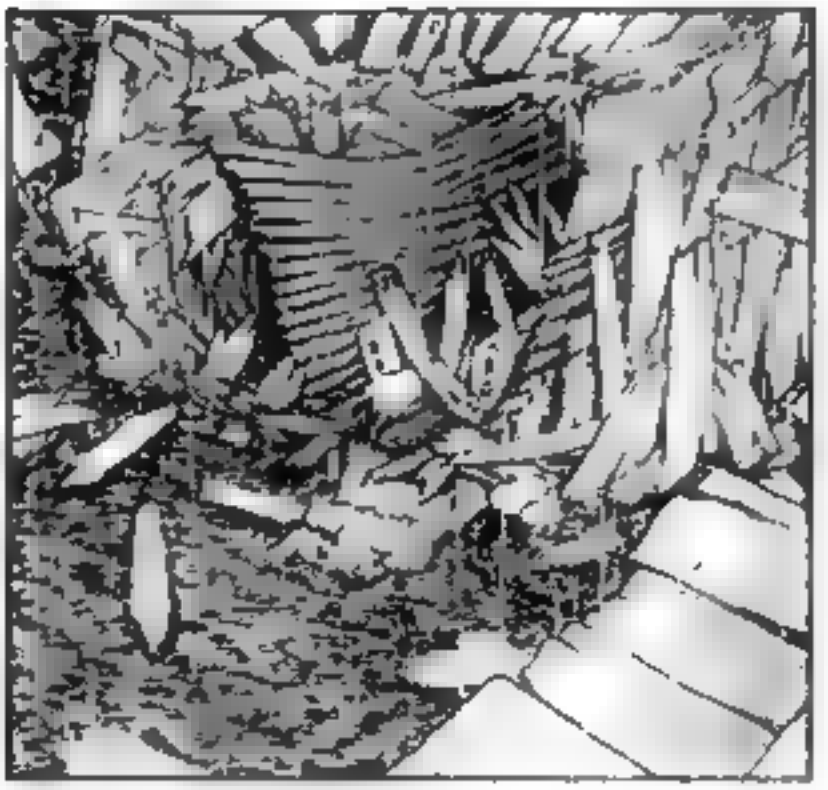
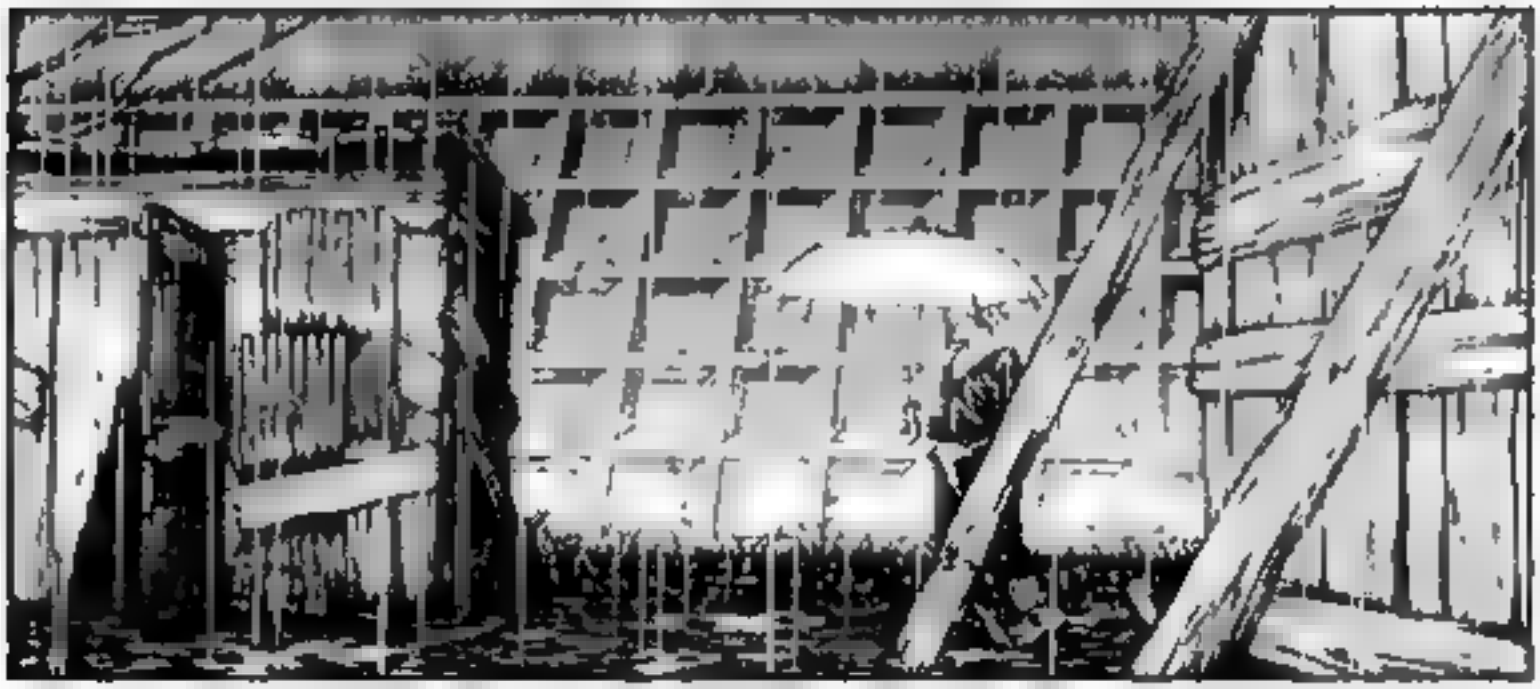
WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS...?!





CHAPTER 7

SWEEPER

WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT OLD MAN WHO LIVED THERE?!

HE'S DEAD!

HEY, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, MAN! IT AIN'T NONE OF MY BUSINESS!

WHAT HAPPENED?! WHY HAS THAT SHACK BEEN DESTROYED?

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I'M SURE! JIN TOOK HIM TO THE HOSPITAL.

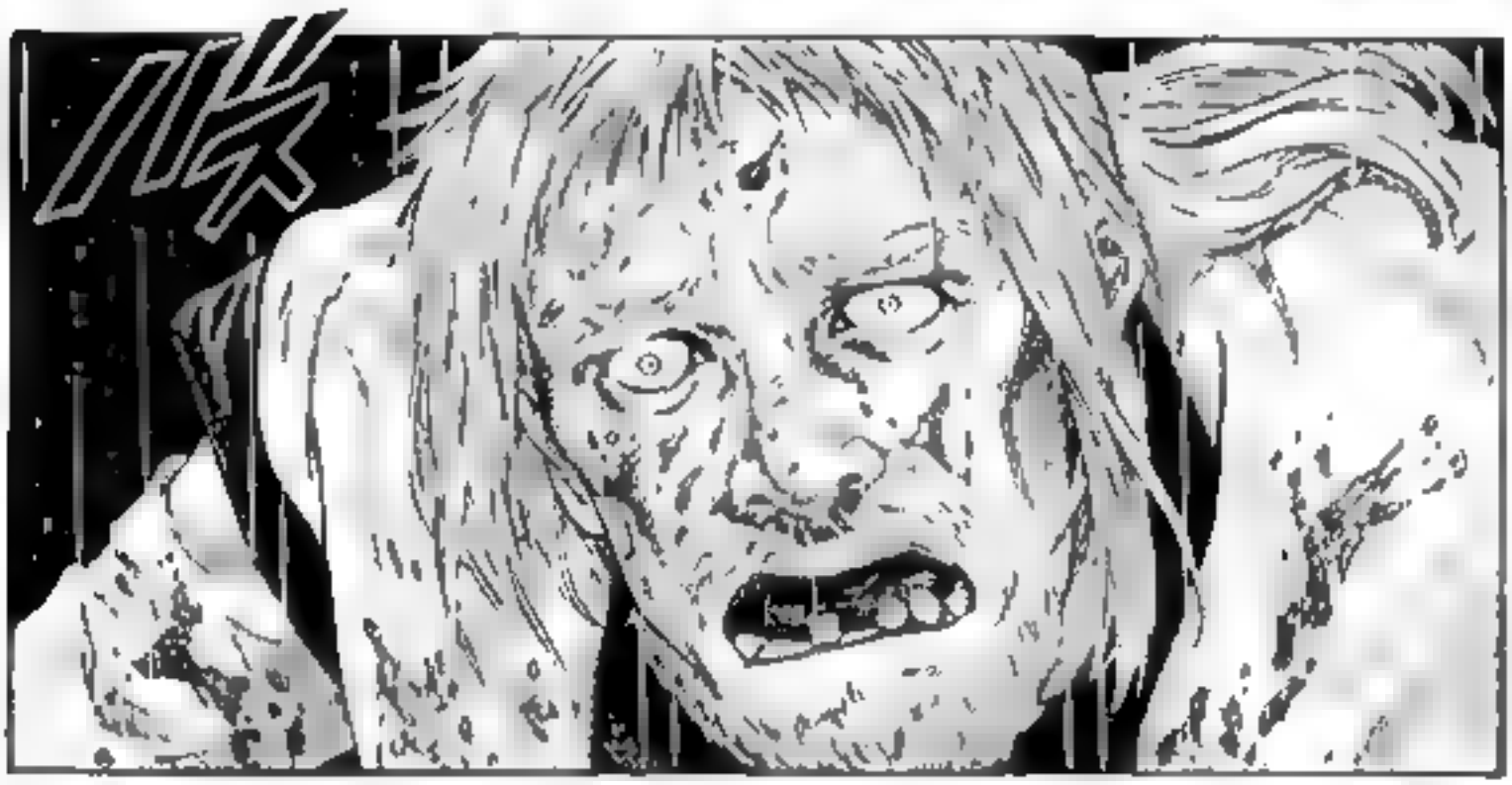
BUT HE WAS DEFINITELY DEAD! AND ONE OF HIS ARMS WAS CUT OFF TOO!

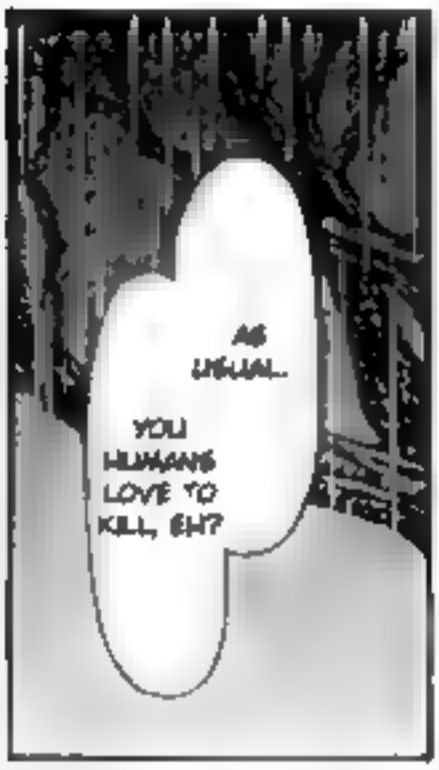
ARE YOU SURE?!

THERE'S NO WAY I COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
THAT TOTALLY MESSED UP CORPSE BACK THERE!
YOU GUYS MUST'VE SEEN IT, RIGHT?
JIN?
THE KID THAT GOROU-GAN PICKED UP AND RAISED.
HEY WHO IS THIS "JIN" PERSON?
LIES! I SAW IT!
PLUS I DIDN'T SEE A CORPSE OR ANY-THING LIKE THAT!
HUH?! THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M ASKING!
IS THERE A STRANGE BUMP ON THE BACK OF HIS LEFT HAND?
NO, MUST BE THE KID THAT I SAW .. AND THE AGES DON'T MATCH.
YOU THINK THAT'S ZET?
HOW WOULD I KNOW?!

YOU'VE GOTTA BELIEVE ME! I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!

CHE!
UNGH!




AS USUAL.
YOU HUMANS LOVE TO KILL, EH?

BUT YOU'VE SEEN US.

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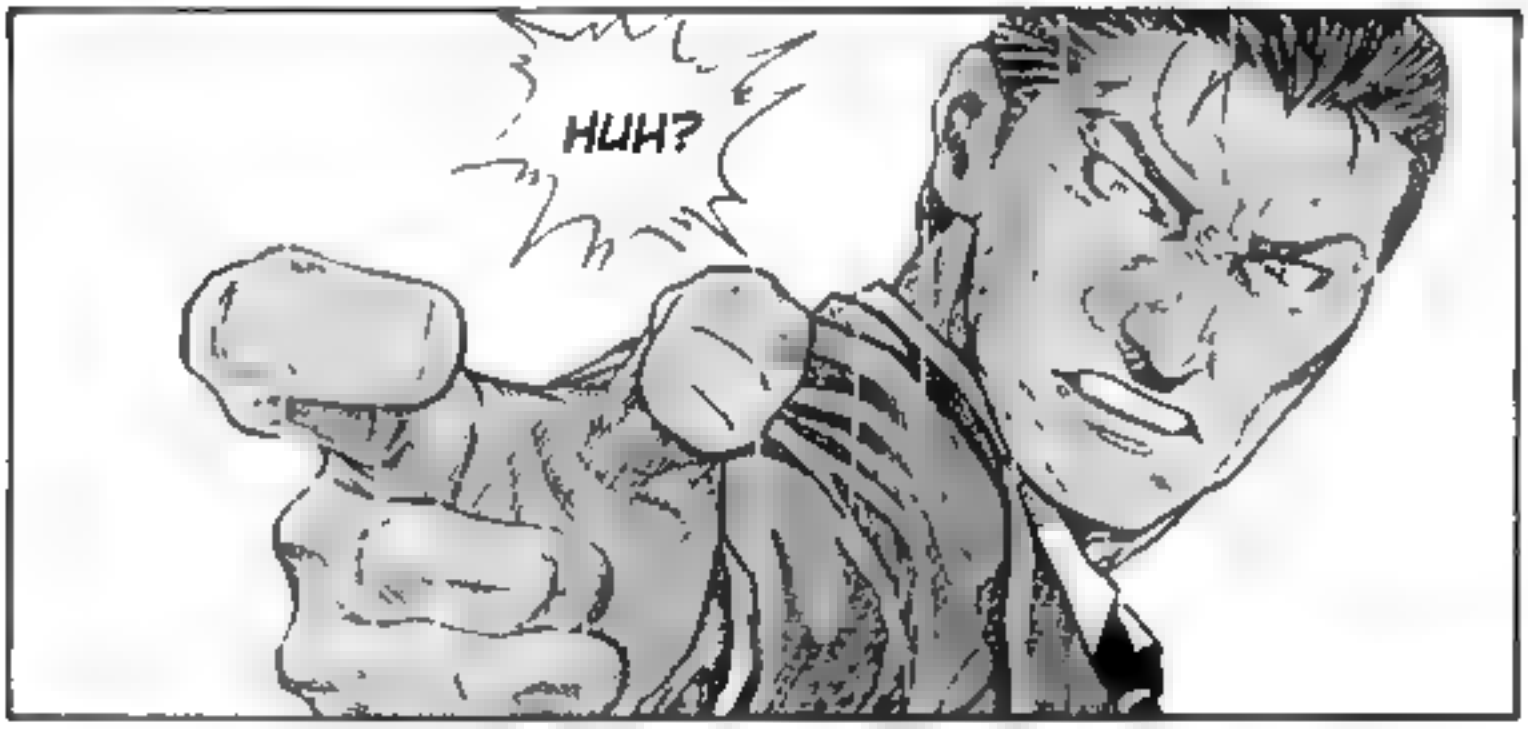
HUH?

UGH!

CLICK!
YOU JUST KEEP MAKING MORE CORPSES FOR ME DON'T YOU?

THE BODY COUNT IS HIGH TODAY

SO. WHAT HAPPENED?

WHAT ARE YOU.. ?

BUT DON'T WORRY .I DIDN'T KILL THEM.
THESE TWO INTENDED TO KILL ME, SO I HAD TO PUT THEM BOTH TO SLEEP.

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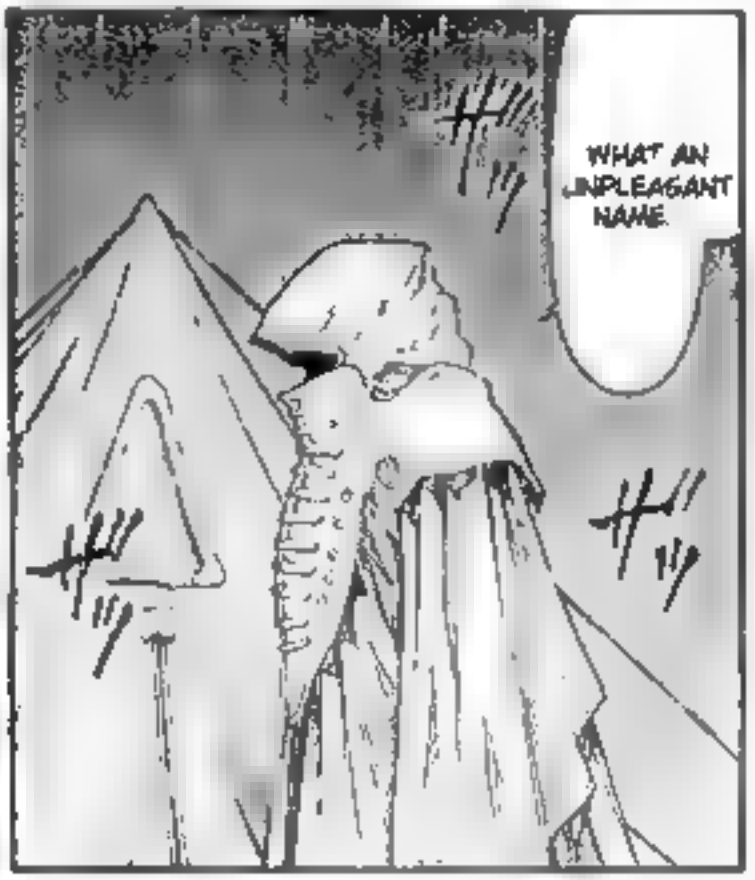
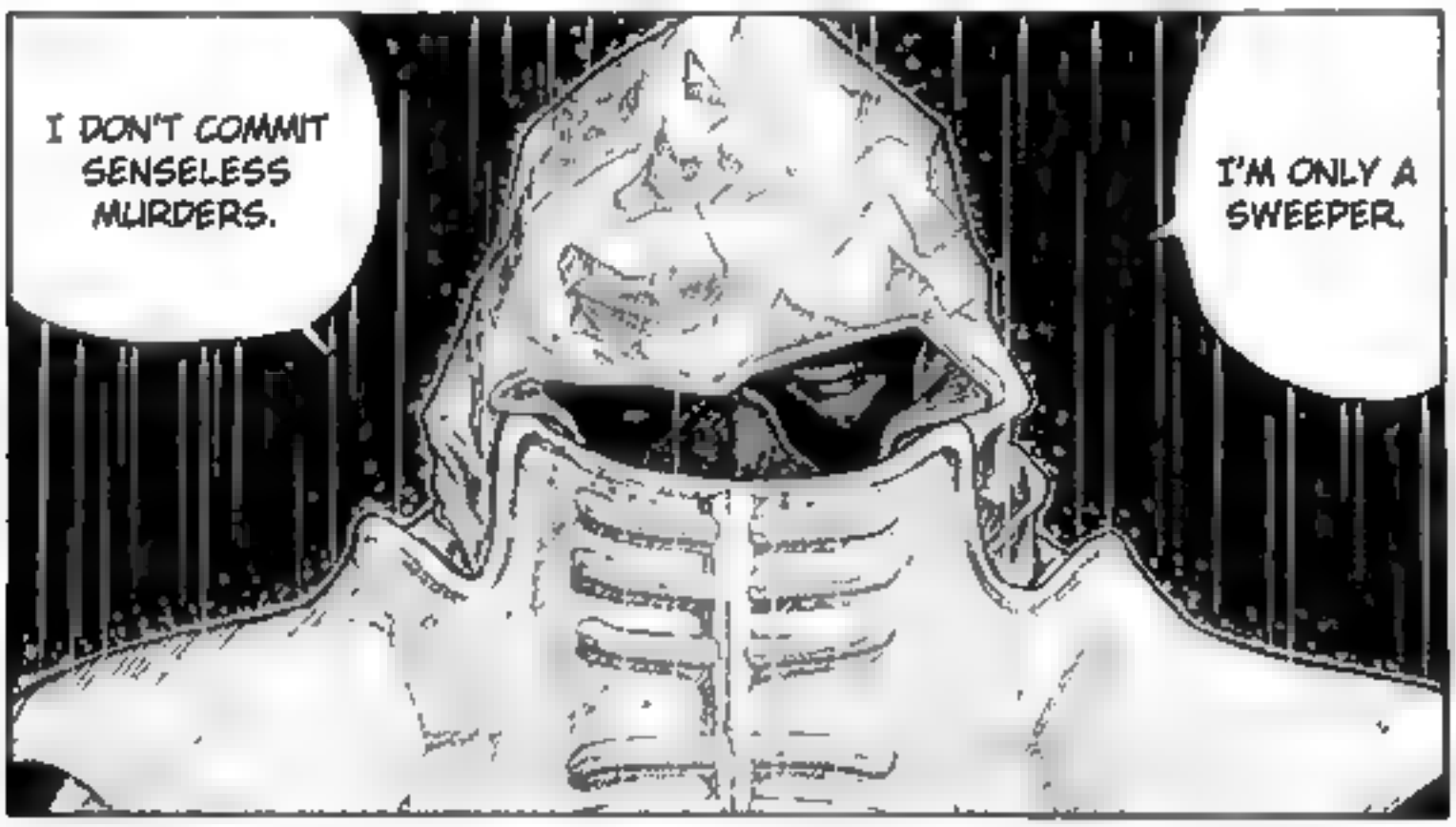
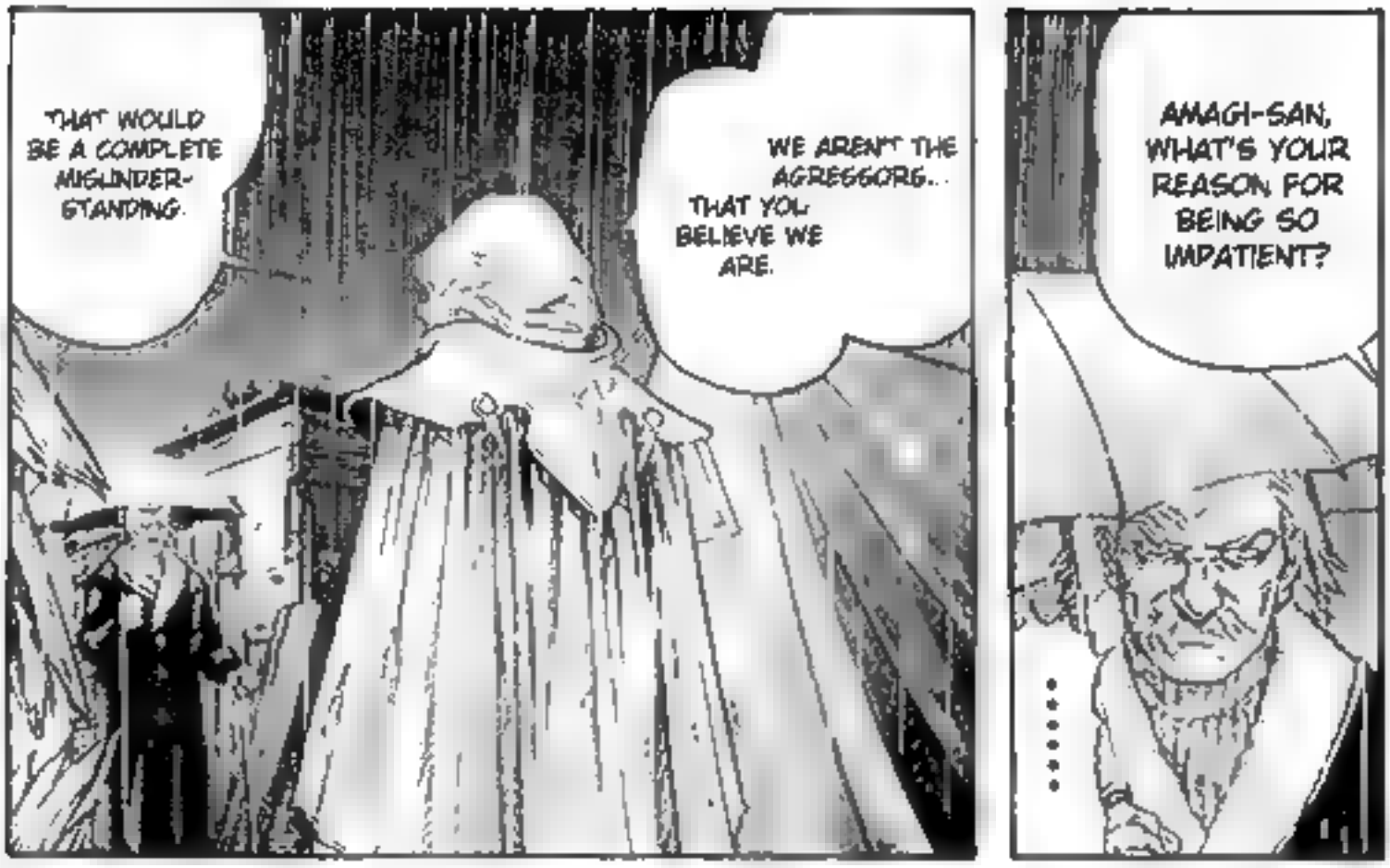
A PLAYER?!


WHAT AN UNPLEASANT NAME.

PLEASE DON'T BE AFRAID.


I DON'T COMMIT SENSELESS MURDERS.
I'M ONLY A SWEEPER.


THAT WOULD BE A COMPLETE MISUNDER-STANDING.
WE AREN'T THE AGRESSORS... THAT YOU BELIEVE WE ARE.
AMAGI-SAN, WHAT'S YOUR REASON FOR BEING SO IMPATIENT?
WE WANT NOTHING MORE THAN TO BE ABLE TO FREELY LIVE OUT A QUIET LIFE.
WE, WHO HAVE DESIRED TO ESCAPE...

HMPH! YOU'RE FOOLING WITH ME! IF THAT'S THE CASE THEN HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THESE INDISCRIMI-NATE MURDERS WE'VE BEEN HAVING?

I SINCERELY APOLOGIZE FOR THE TROUBLE THIS HAS CAUSED EVERYONE.
INDIVIDUAL'S JOY RIDE. THAT WAS..
AN IMMATURE

I AM FORCED TO BE ON THE DEFENSIVE.
BUT BECAUSE I CANNOT PIN-POINT THE LOCATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETELY AWAKENED
MY JOB IS TO REMOVE OUTLAWS SUCH AS THESE...

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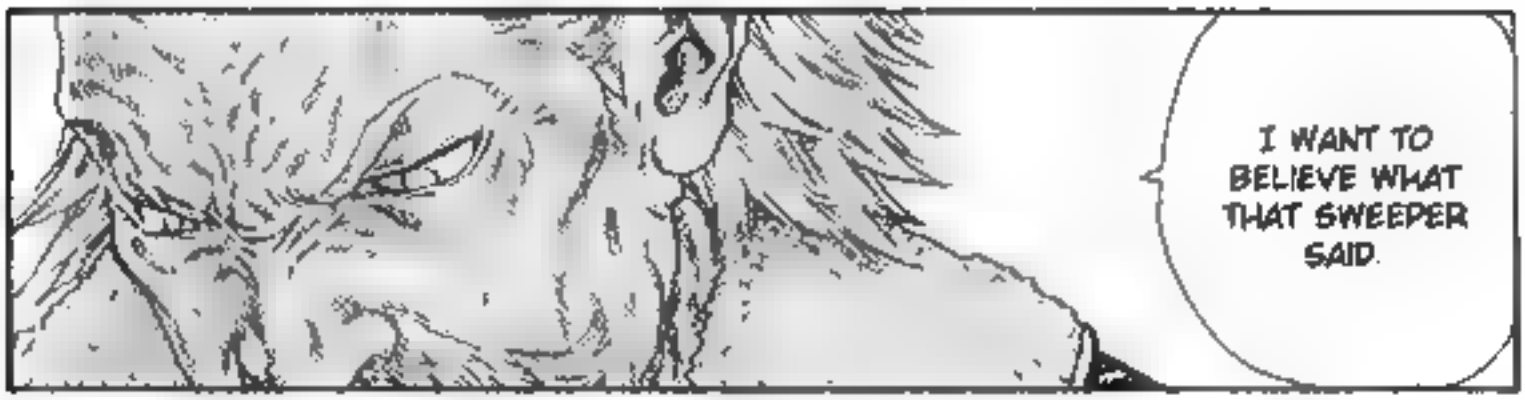
IN ORDER TO SUPPRESS FURTHER DISTURBANCES I WILL REMOVE THIS BODY AS A SERVICE.
PLEASE BELIEVE ME
I DON'T GO OUT OF MY WAY TO DISTURB THE PEACE.

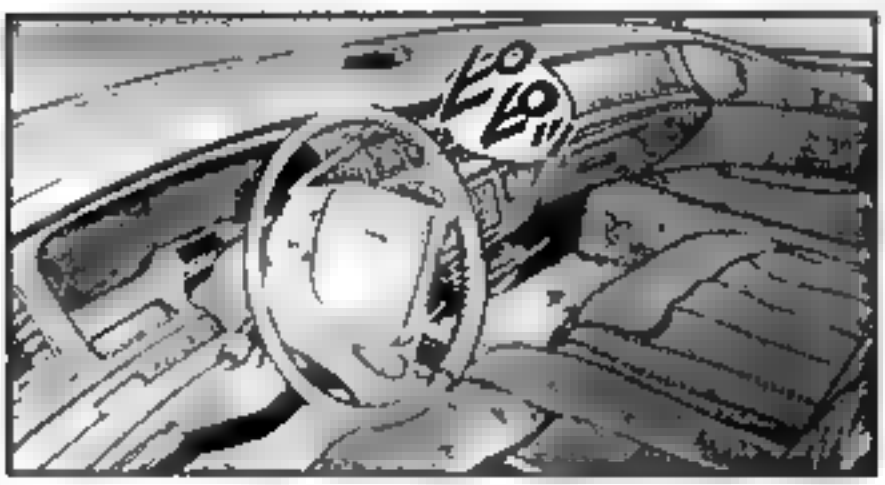
CAN WE RETURN TO THE ESTATE?
SHIT... SO NOW THE RAIN STOPS.

AND NOW I'M NOT EVEN SURE OF ZET'S EXISTENCE...
BUT NOW KANZAKI IS DEAD
MY GOAL IS TO COM-PLETELY EXTERMINATE THEM.


I WANT TO BELIEVE WHAT THAT SWEEPER SAID.

DON'T GO BACK TO THE ESTATE, WE'LL HEAD TO THE LAB!
IF KANZAKI IS NOW DEAD THEN WE MUST FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO NEXT.
RIGHT!

THOSE HORRIFYING BEINGS! THE THREAT WILL NOT DISAPPEAR!
NO! I CAN'T TRUST HIM!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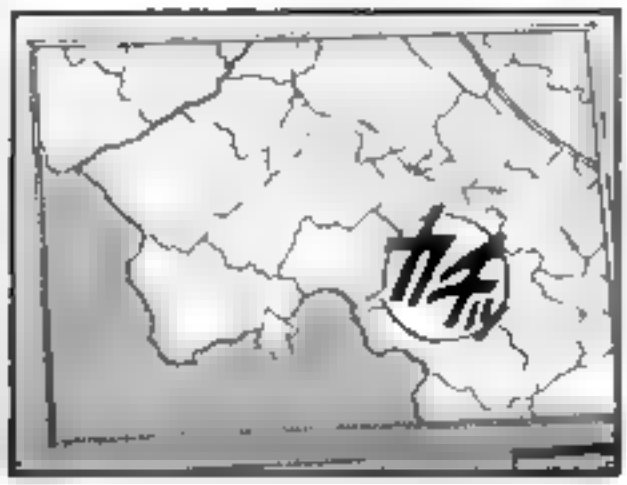
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YES.
I UNDER-STAND
IS THAT SO. KANZAKI M.

I'LL BE WAITING.

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ZETMAN

CHAPTER 8

WARMTH

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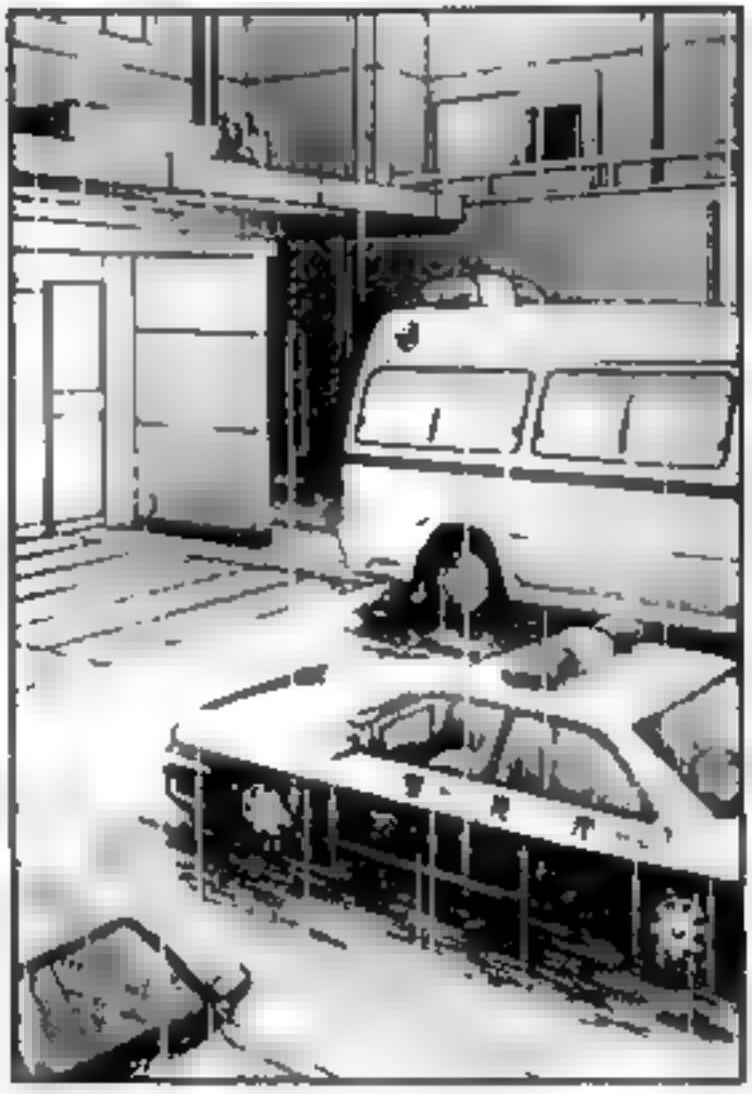
UM.
WHAT KIND OF RELA-TIONSHIP DO YOU HAVE?
SO.

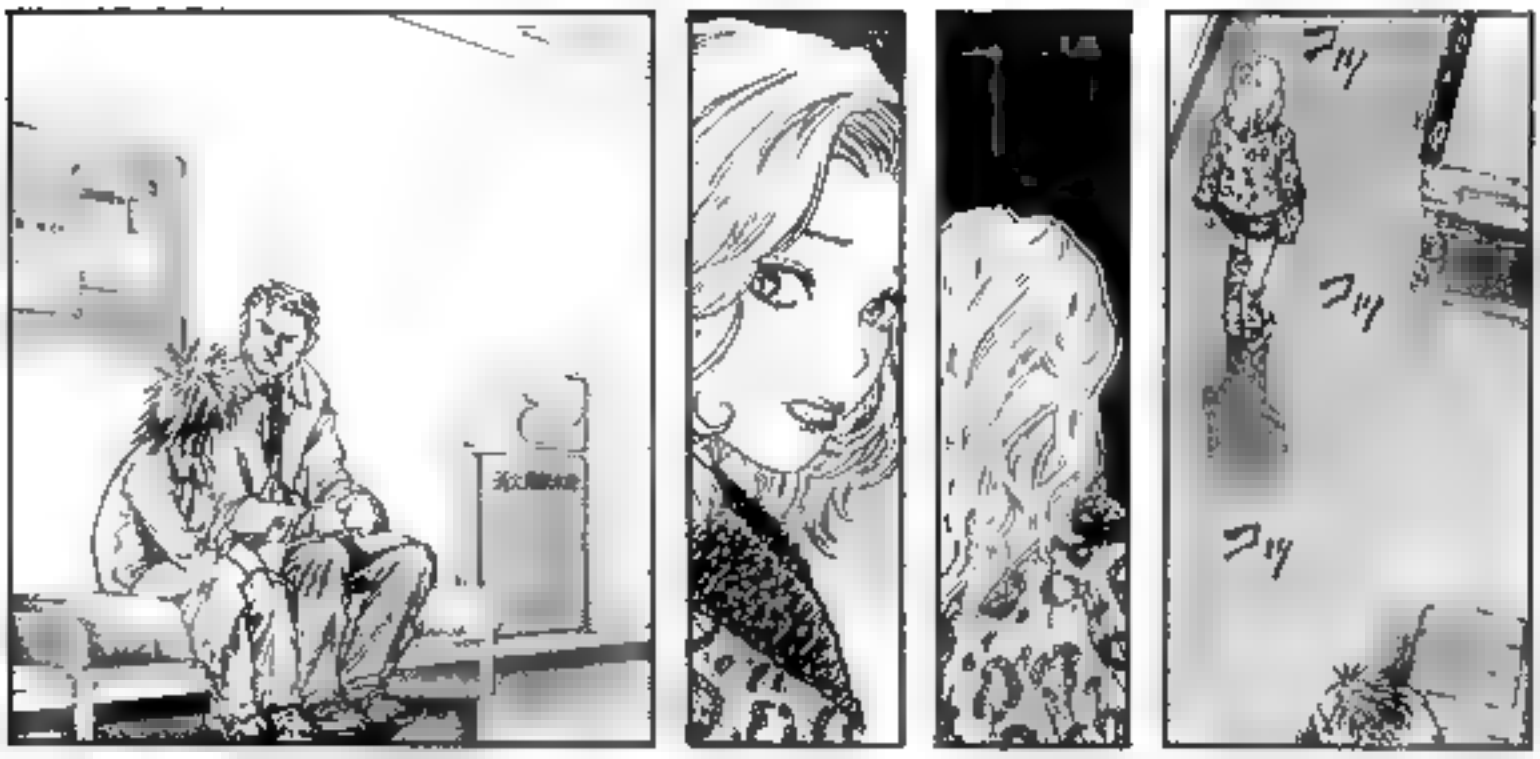


RIGHT?

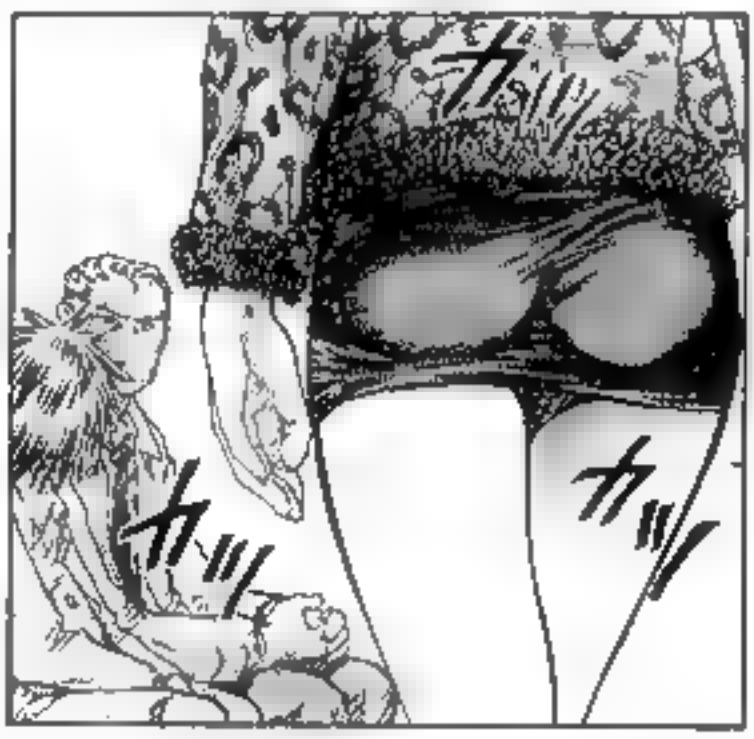
I'M UMM...
A FRIEND OF THIS KID.
ME?

AH?
OH.
BYE, KID!

ANYWAY, WHEN YOU FIGURE OUT WHICH FACILITY THIS KID IS GOING TO PLEASE GIVE THE SHOP A CALL.
OKAY, THEN YOU CAN FEEL FREE TO GO HOME NOW

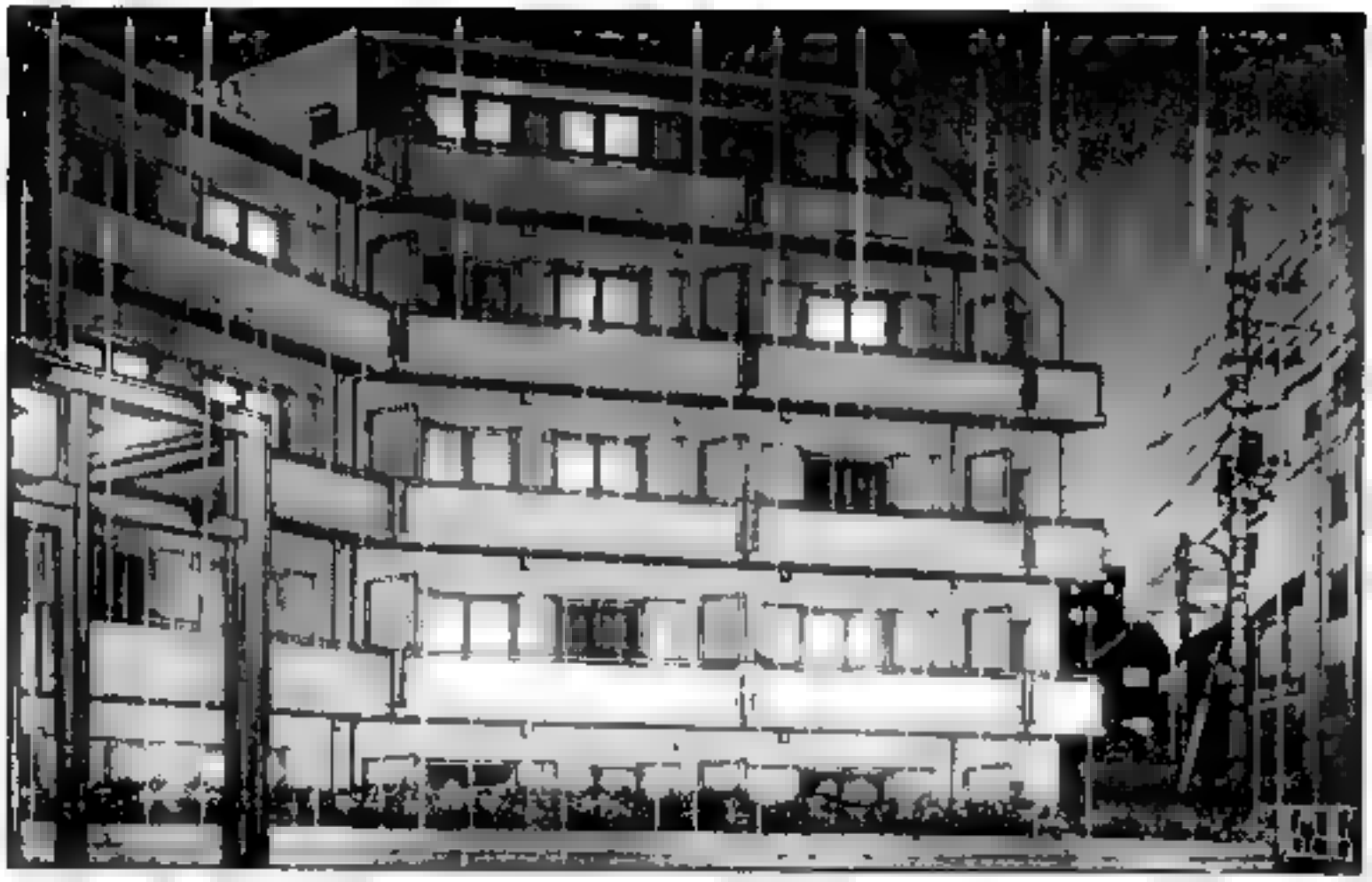


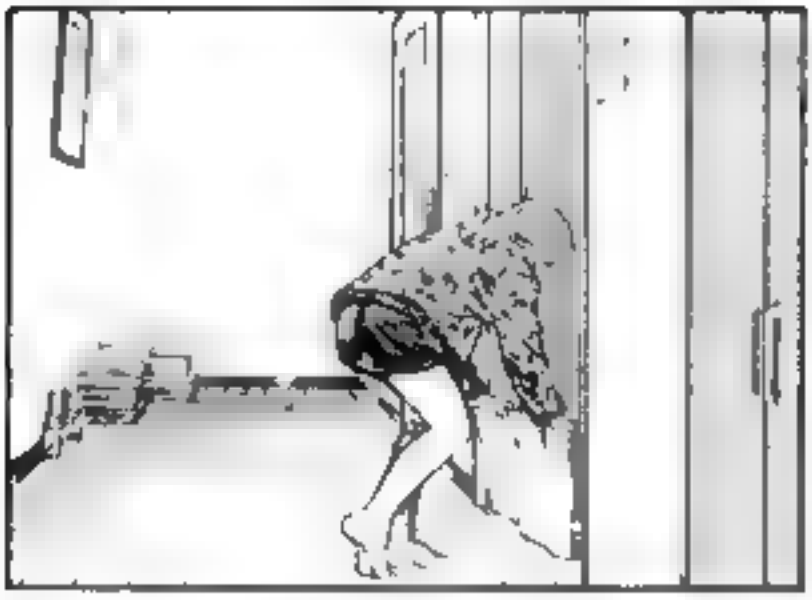
KID! YOU WANT TO SLEEP OVER AT MY PLACE TONIGHT?



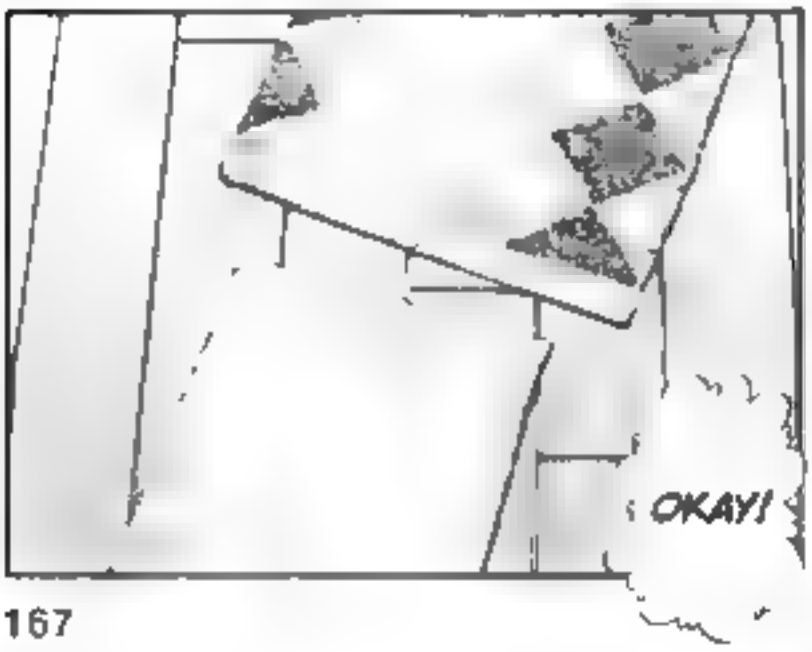
ALL RIGHT THEN, LET'S GO!

AH, OKAY





HEY WAIT OVER HERE FOR A BIT.


OKAY!

THAT'S RIGHT!

I WALK ON THE TOWEL...

RIGHT?

YOU'RE DIRTY TOO..

ANYWAY YOU'RE GOING STRAIGHT TO THE BATH!

YOU'LL CATCH A COLD LIKE THAT OTHERWISE.

'KAY.

COME OVER HERE FOR A BIT! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO USE THE SHOWER AND STUFF

LET'S WASH YOUR CLOTHES! AFTER YOU TAKE THEM OFF PUT THEM IN HERE.

'KAY.

THE SHAMPOO IS THIS ONE.

YOU CAN USE THIS TOWEL TO WASH.

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AH, BUT BEFORE THAT WASH YOURSELF OFF REALLY WELL, OKAY?

IT GETS REALLY WARM, OKAY?

OH YEAH, THE BATH WATER SHOULD HEAT UP AUTOMATICALLY.

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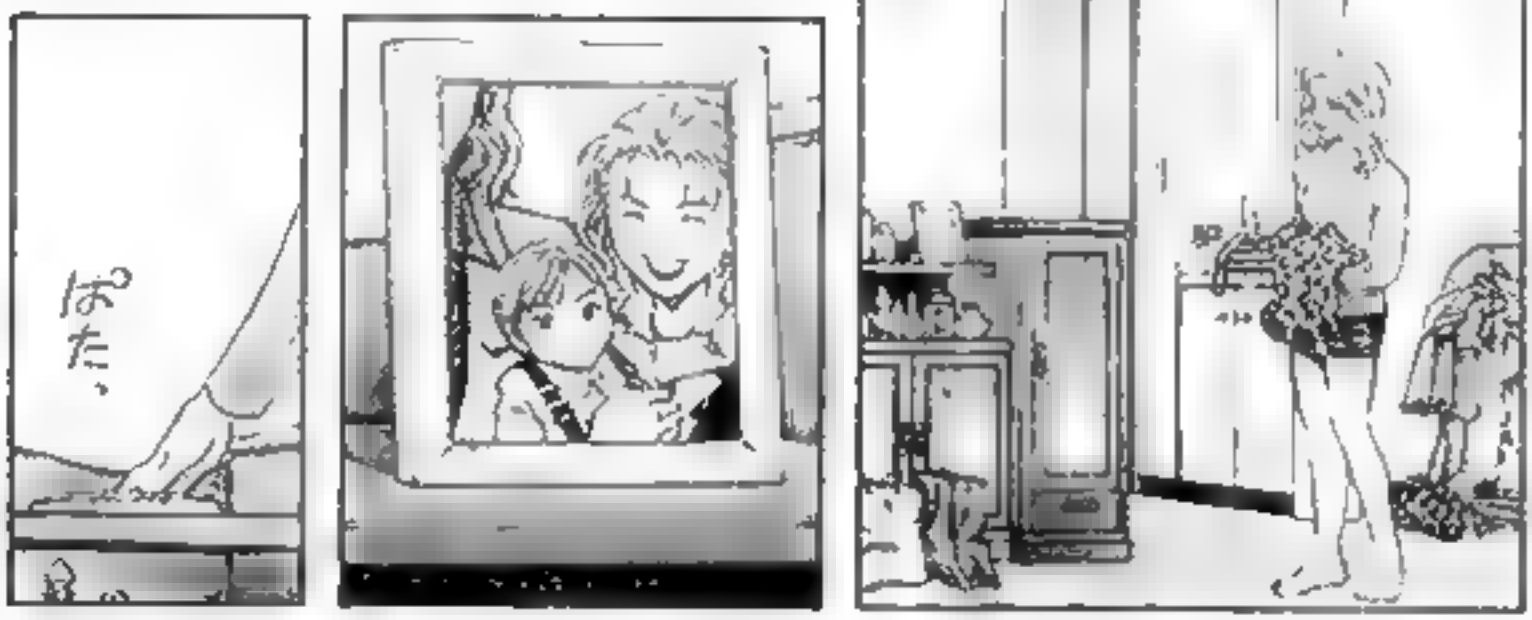
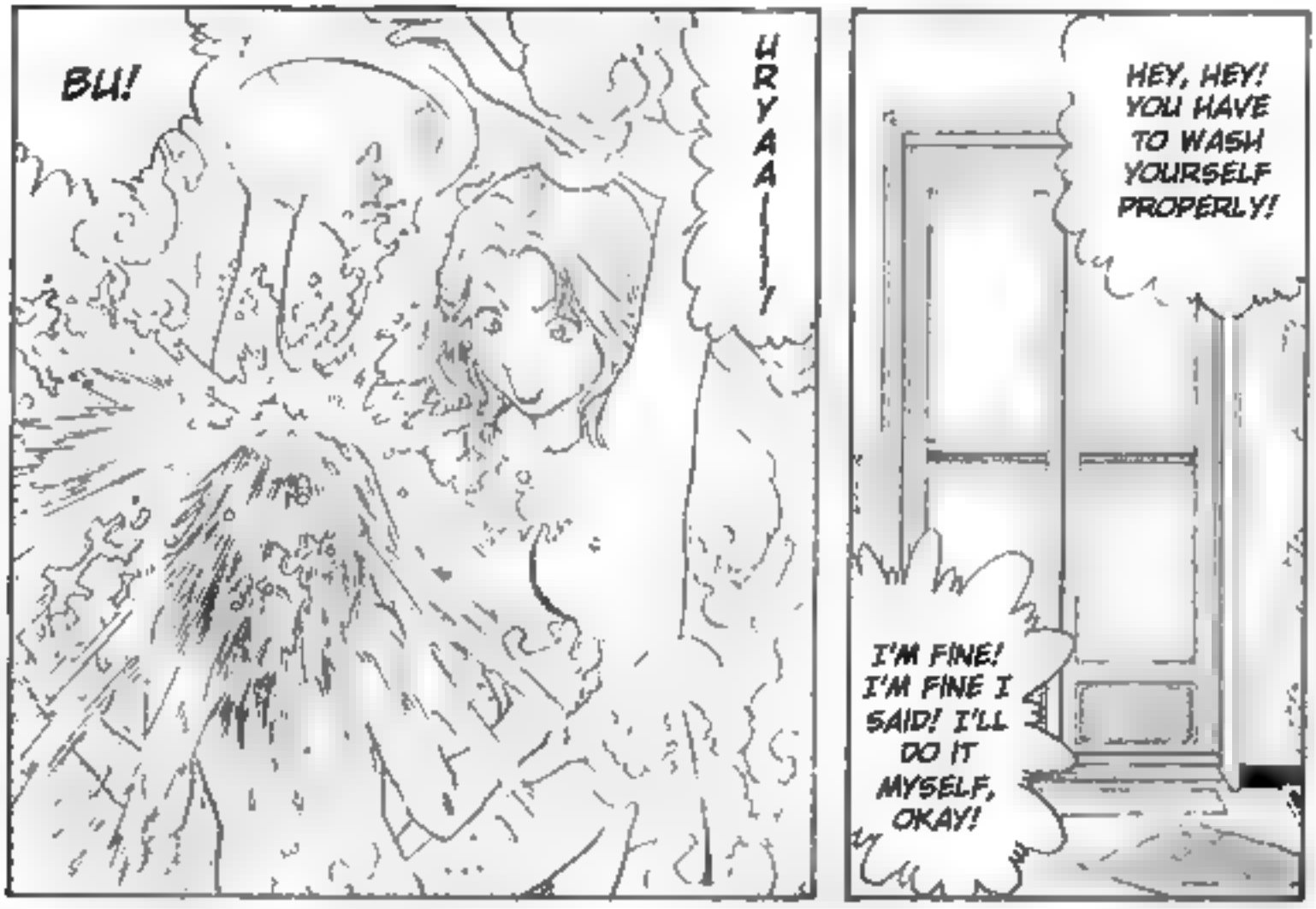
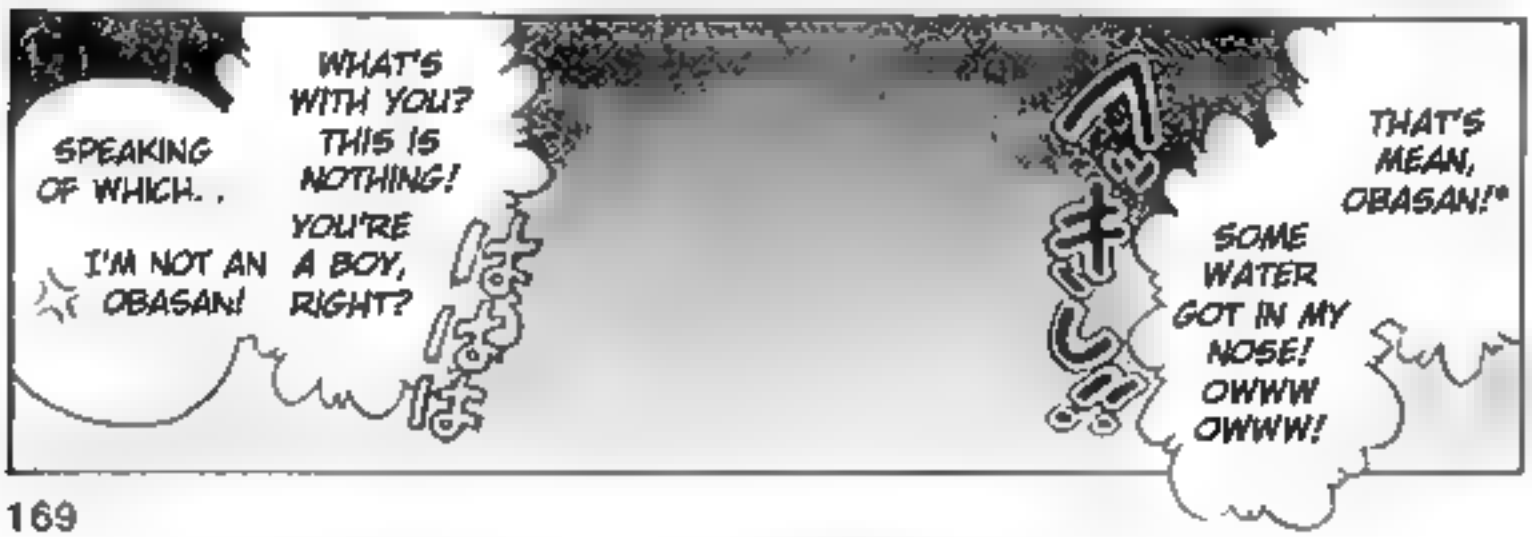
ZETMAN 1






SPEAKING OF WHICH..
I'M NOT AN OBASAN!
WHAT'S WITH YOU? THIS IS NOTHING! YOU'RE A BOY, RIGHT?
SOME WATER GOT IN MY NOSE! OWWW OWWW!
THAT'S MEAN, OBASAN!*

*OBASAN = "AUNTIE", AND IS GENERALLY THE WAY YOUNGER KIDS WILL ADDRESS OLDER WOMEN

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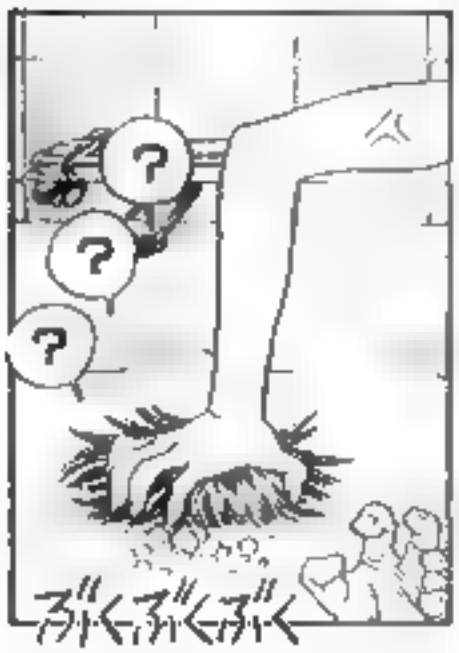
WHAT?!

YO! JUST
A MINUTE!
HEY...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WHO ARE
YOU?

AH? THAT'S FINE WITH ME BUT...

WHY ARE YOU BEING SO NICE?

DO YOU WANT TO LIVE HERE WITH ONEE-SAN?*

HEY, SERIOUSLY...

HMM——

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I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE I LIKE YOU.

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ALL RIGHT, SO IT'S DECIDED!

I HAVEN'T HEARD YOUR NAME YET EITHER, RIGHT?

I'M NOT AN OBA-SAN SO IT'S AKEMI-ONEE-SAN, OKAY?

RIGHT, ONEESAN'S NAME IS "AKEMI"

*ONEESAN = "BIG SISTER"

"JIN"... HOW DO YOU WRITE THAT WITH KANJI?

HUH? ME?

JIN.

WHY NOT? LET ONEE-SAN GET IN THE BATH TOO...

I'M GETTING COLD!

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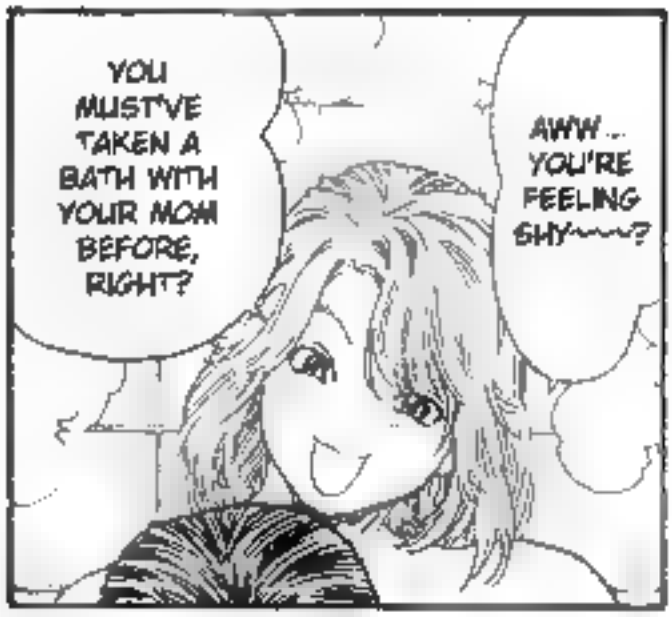
YOU WRITE IT WITH THE SAME CHARAC-TER FOR "PERSON".

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? ARE YOU GETTING IN?

I SEE..

HEY IT'S OKAY, COME ON, LET'S TAKE A BATH TOGETHER! ♡

THEN I'LL BE GETTING OUT.


YOU MUST'VE TAKEN A BATH WITH YOUR MOM BEFORE, RIGHT?
AWW.. YOU'RE FEELING SHY~~~?

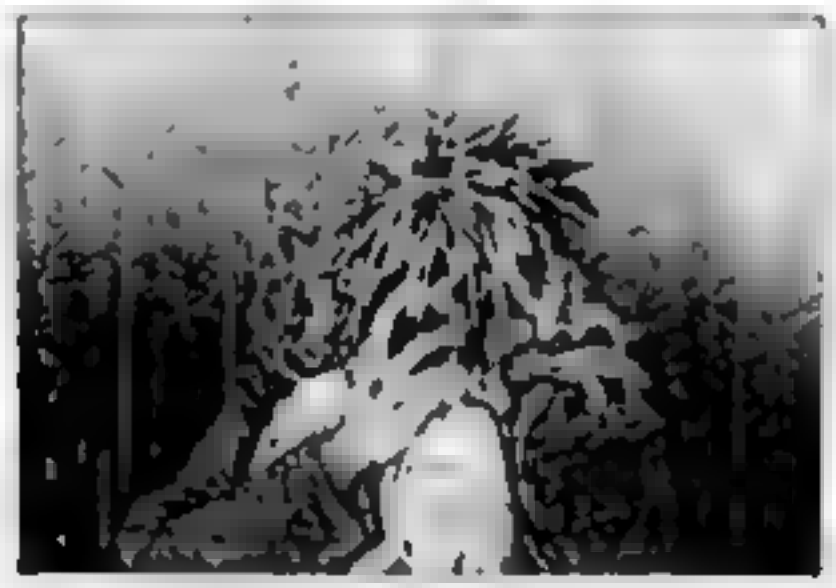
HEY THIS IS KINDA GROSS. OBA-SAN'S DIFFERENT FROM GRANDPA.
AND FEELS ALL SQUISHY AND STUFF ..

I DON'T KNOW ANYONE I'D CALL "DAD" EITHER.

OH.

I DON'T KNOW ANYONE I'D CALL "MOM".

'CAUSE I DON'T HAVE EITHER OF 'EM! GRANDPA SAID SO!



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IT'S THE SECOND TIME I'VE FELT THIS WARM...

EH?

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IT'S THE SECOND TIME.

HE DID THE SAME THING...

THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME...

BEFORE GRANDPA STOPPED MOVING.

..STOP CALLING ME OBA-SAN.

IT WAS SO WARM..

AND OBA-SAN IS WARM TOO...

IS IT TRUE?

WHY?

THAT DETECTIVE GUY SAID THAT I CAN'T SEE GRANDPA ANYMORE...

WHAT DOES "DEATH" MEAN? HOW COME I CAN'T SEE HIM ANYMORE?!

I WANT TO SEE GRANDPA! I REALLY WANT TO SEE HIM!

I DON'T WANT TO NOT BE ABLE TO SEE HIM ANYMORE!

OBA-SAN...

AH... HEY...

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IT'S WEIRD ...

I'M REALLY WEIRD

WHAT IS THIS?

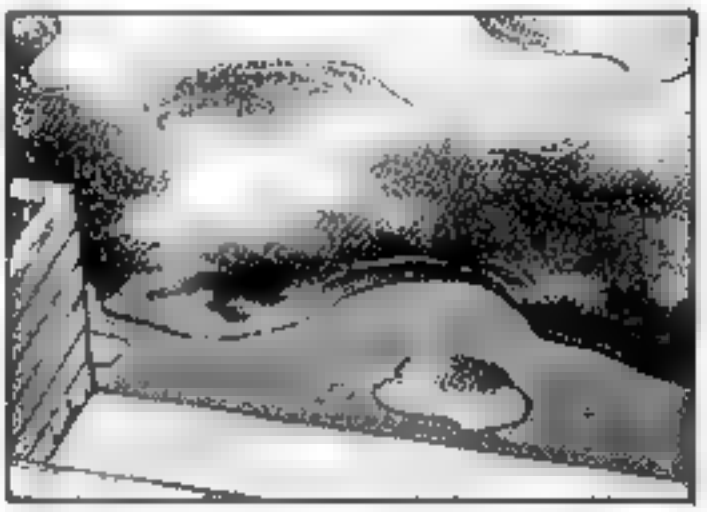
GRAND ...

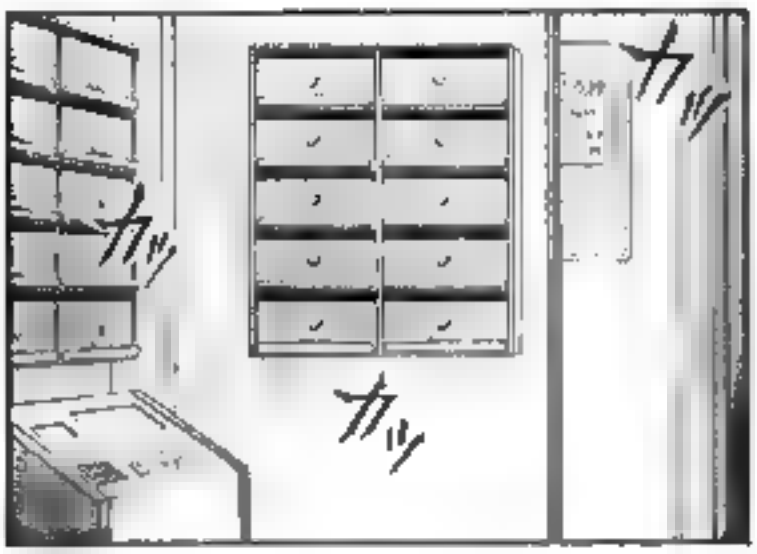
PA...

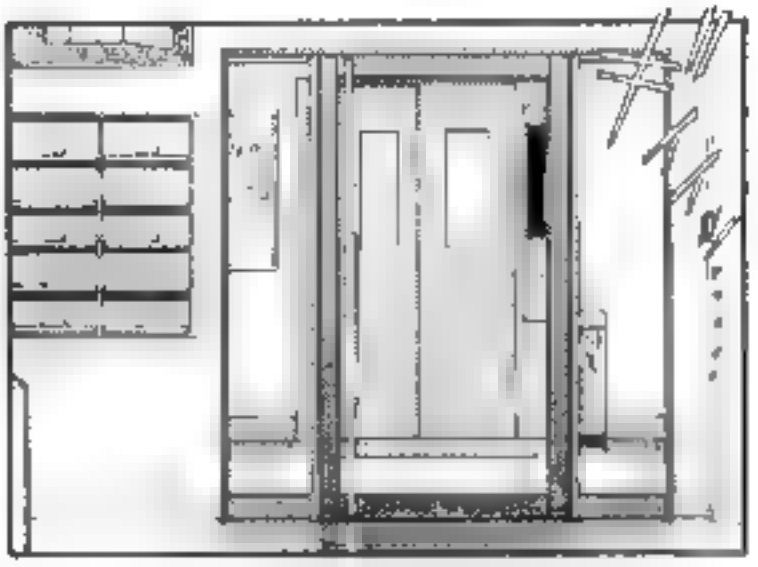
ARGH ...

AAAAAA!
AAAAAAAAAA

AAAAAAA!







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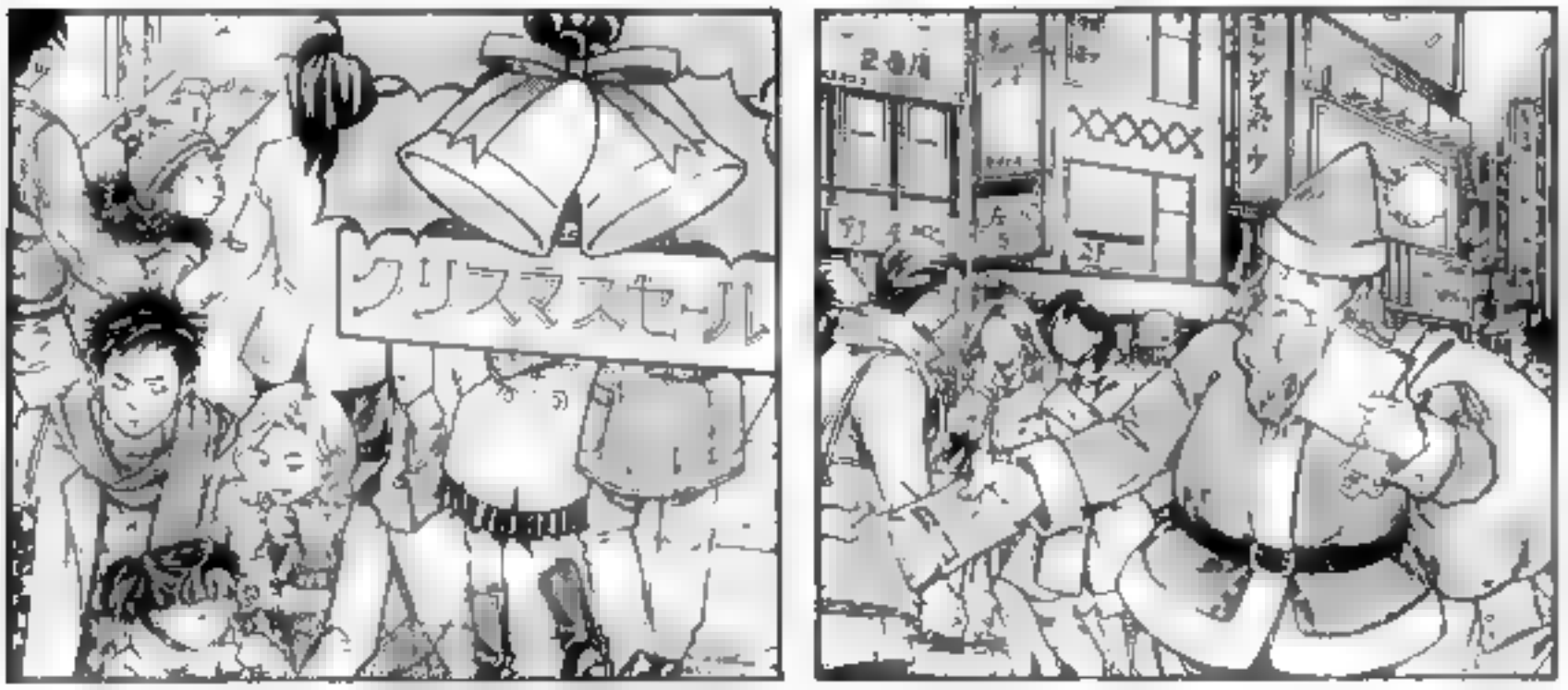

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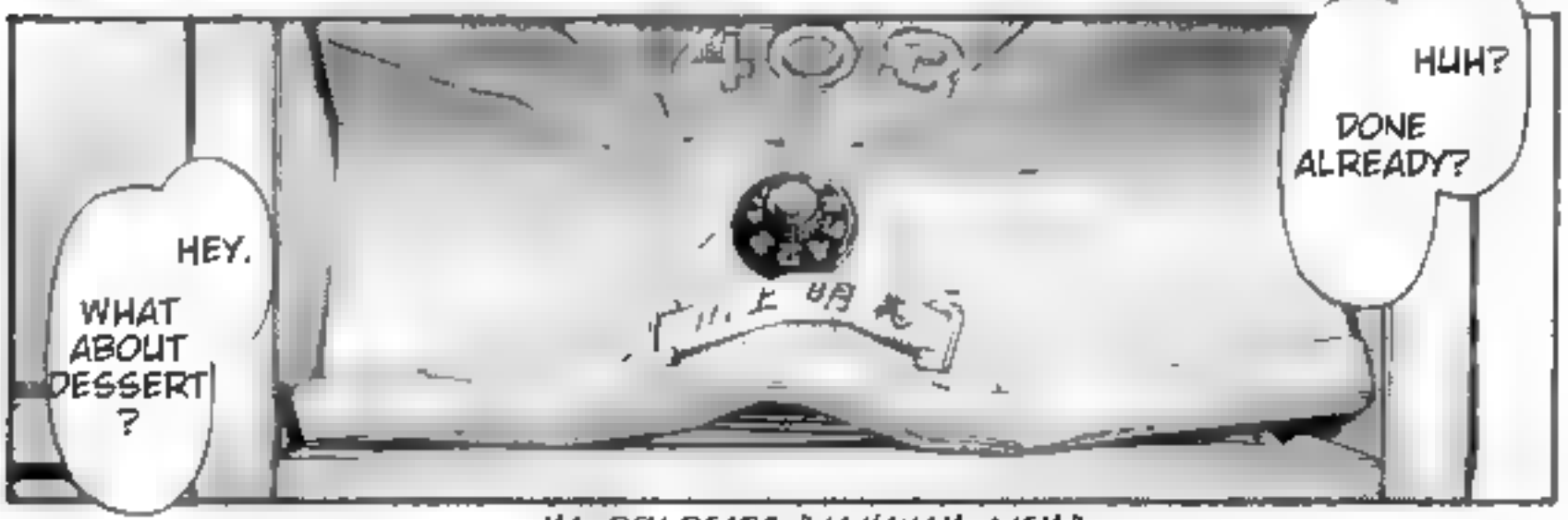
CHAPTER 9

CHRISTMAS EVE



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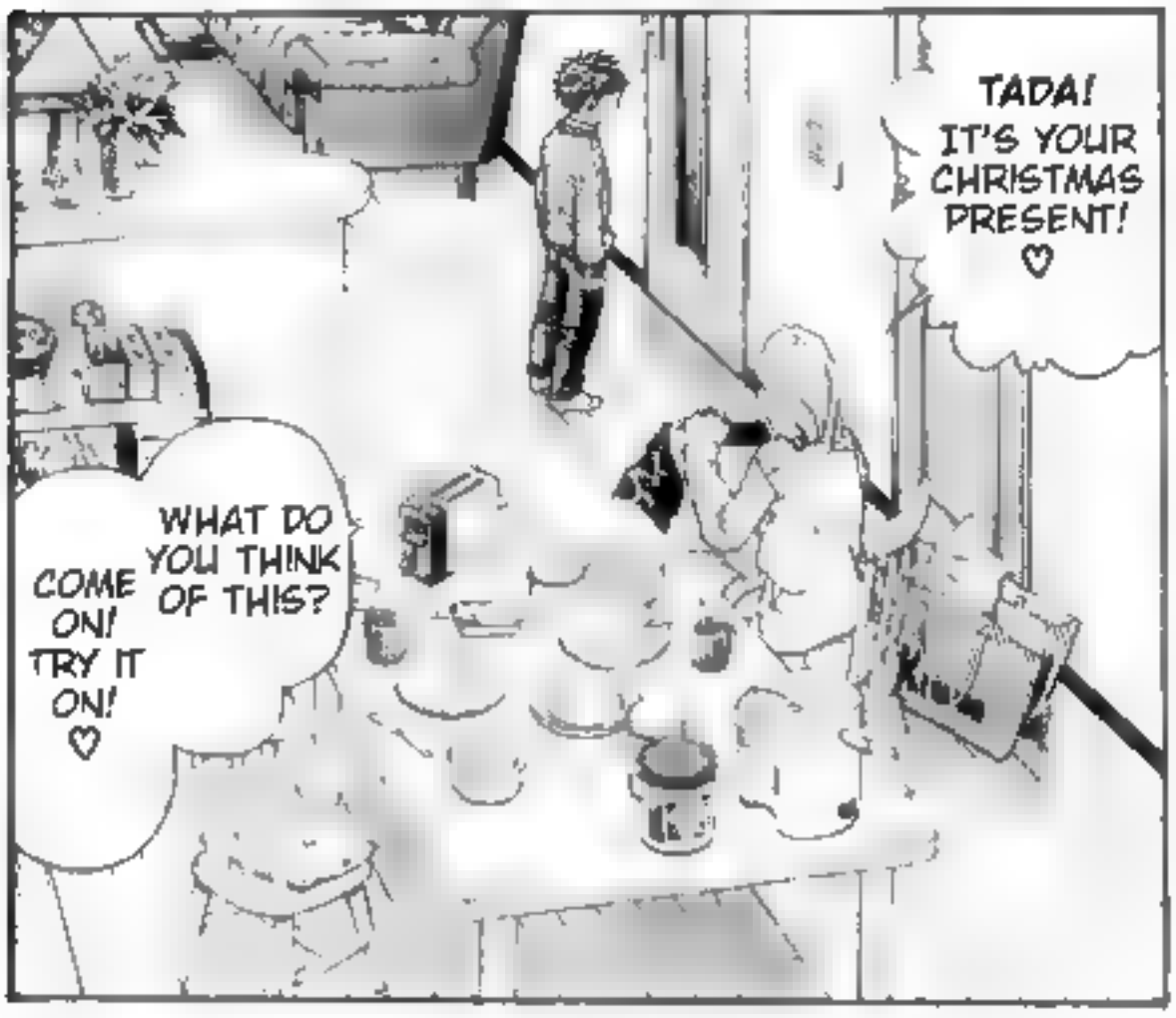

SEE? LOOK, I BOUGHT YOU A SWEATER AND PANTS, TOO!

AWW, BUT YOU'VE BEEN WEARING THOSE CLOTHES FOR A WEEK ALREADY!

I'M FINE WITH THE CLOTHES I'VE GOT.

STOP IT!!

NO...

COME ON! TRY IT ON, WON'T YA?

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GRANDPA THIS... GRANDPA THAT...

.....

I DON'T NEED ANY OTHER CLOTHES!

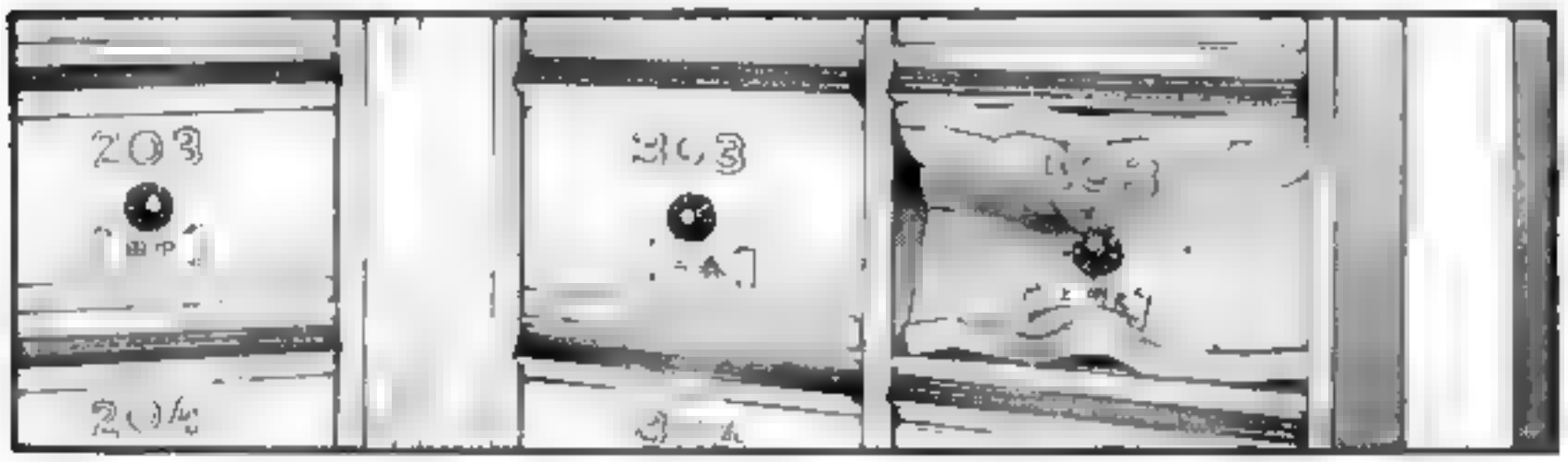
THESE ARE THE CLOTHES GRANDPA BOUGHT FOR ME!

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU CRY, IT WON'T BRING HIM BACK YOU KNOW!!

JUST HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO BE SAYING THAT!?

IF YOU DON'T GET OVER IT...
YOU'RE STILL ALIVE.

I'VE REALLY DONE IT...
ARGH ...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I GUESS...
IT'S PROBABLY THAT BASTARD...
AH...

HEY...
YOUR MAILBOX...
WHAT HAPPENED TO IT?

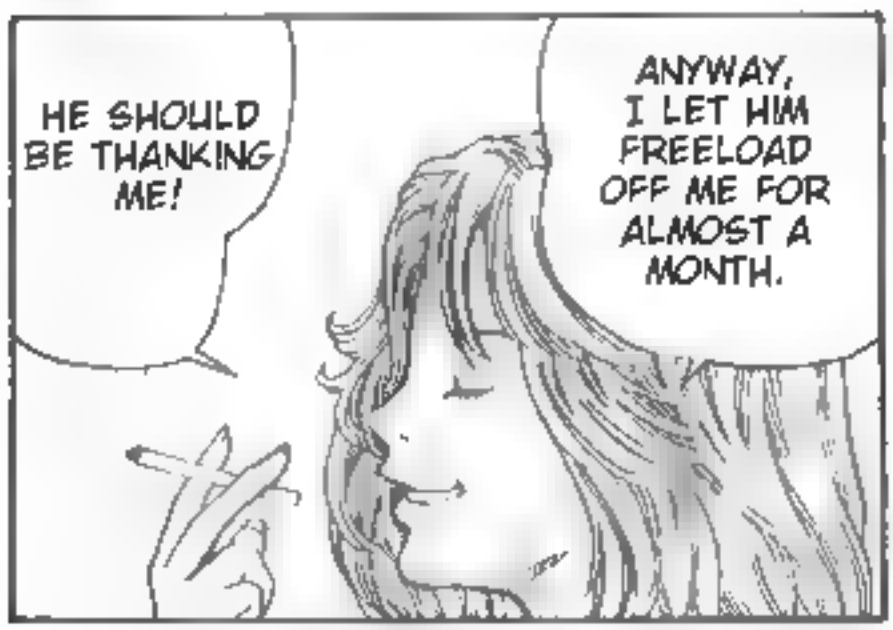
I CHANGED MY LOCKS AND MY PHONE NUMBER TOO, SO IT'S PRETTY CLEAR, DON'T YOU THINK?
YEAH. I BROKE IT OFF A WHILE AGO.
YOU MEAN THAT PIMP, KASHIMURA?
DIDN'T YOU BREAK UP WITH HIM?

YEAH, IT'LL BE FINE!
YOU THINK IT'LL BE OKAY?

SO HE'LL JUST GET HIS ASS KICKED IF HE DECIDES TO SHOW UP HERE AGAIN!
EH? REALLY?
IS IT SERIOUSLY ALL RIGHT??

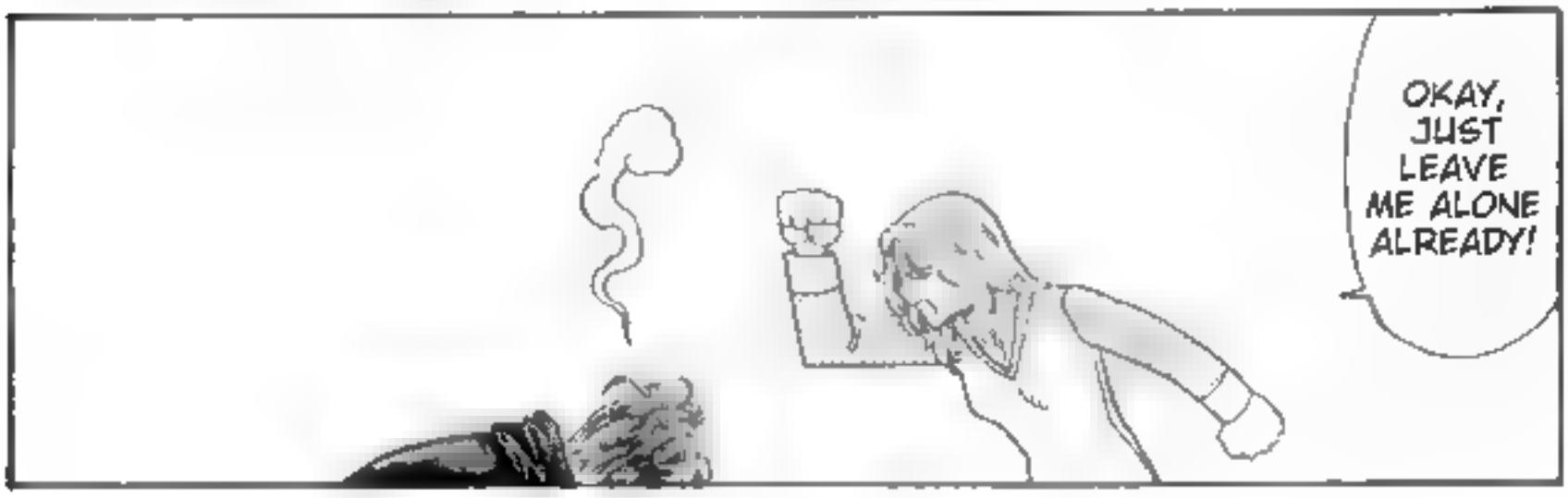
REMEMBER THAT KID I TOLD YOU ABOUT, THE ONE WHO BEAT HIM UP?
THAT WAS JIN-KUN.

SO ANYWAY, WHENEVER HE CAME TO BITCH AT ME.
IT WAS REALLY WEIRD.... HE'D ALWAYS BRING ALONG THESE TWO GUYS.


HE SHOULD BE THANKING ME!
ANYWAY, I LET HIM FREELOAD OFF ME FOR ALMOST A MONTH.

WOW, WHAT A TOTAL LOSER!
AS IF HE COULD MAKE A GIRL GIVE IN TO HIM BY THREATENING HER, YA KNOW?

YEAH SERIOUSLY...
I HAVE NO LUCK WITH GUYS.
YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO PICK 'EM, AKEMI.
SPEAKING OF WHICH... WHY'D YOU GO OUT WITH A GUY LIKE THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE?


OKAY, JUST LEAVE ME ALONE ALREADY!

AH, I CAN'T MAKE IT TODAY.

SO, BY THE WAY...

ABOUT TODAY...

IF THERE WAS ANYONE LIKE THAT I WOULDN'T BE HERE RIGHT NOW!

...JUST PICK OUT A GOOD GUY FROM YOUR USUAL CUSTOMERS TO BRING ALONG WITH YOU.

YOU PROMISED DIDN'T YOU?

ALL US SINGLE GIRLS WOULD GET TOGETHER...

WHAT!? BUT TODAY'S CHRISTMAS EVE!

YOU'VE AT LEAST GOT TO GET OUT AND PARTY ON CHRISTMAS EVE!

HE DOESN'T WANT TO GO OUTSIDE SERIOUSLY.

HE SAID WALKING OUTDOORS MAKES HIM THINK OF HIS GRAND-FATHER...

I KNOW, BUT SORRY!

I REALLY CAN'T.

THERE'S EVEN A SEAT FOR JIN!

I MADE A RESERVATION AT A SUPER HIGH-CLASS PLACE, YOU KNOW!

THE BOSS IS PRETTY PISSED!

AND YOU'VE BEEN TAKING OFF OF WORK THIS WHOLE TIME TOO..

NO, I'M FINE.

I MEAN, I'VE BEEN GETTING OUT EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.

ISN'T IT DRIVING YOU CRAZY?

BUT COME ON! YOU'VE BEEN COOPED UP IN THE HOUSE FOR A WEEK ALREADY, RIGHT?

YOU...

YOU'RE SERIOUS...

AND THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH JIN.

I'VE GOT SAVINGS.

I'LL BE OKAY EVEN IF I GET FIRED.

THAT MEANS ...

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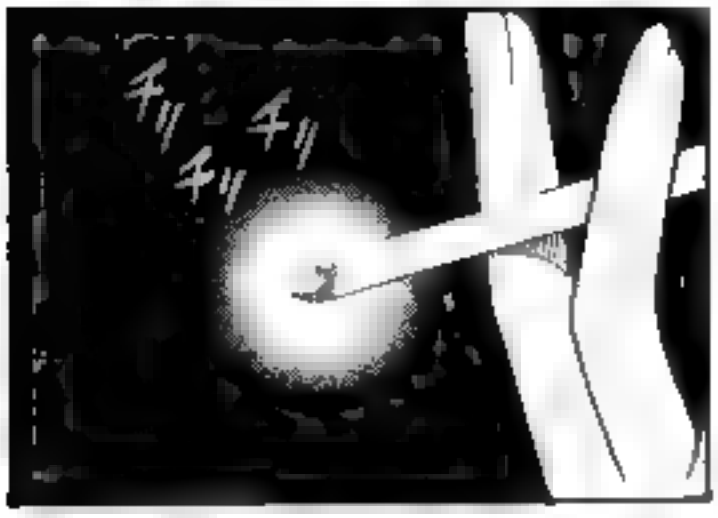
WHAT IS IT?

YUP, I PLAN TO ADOPT HIM.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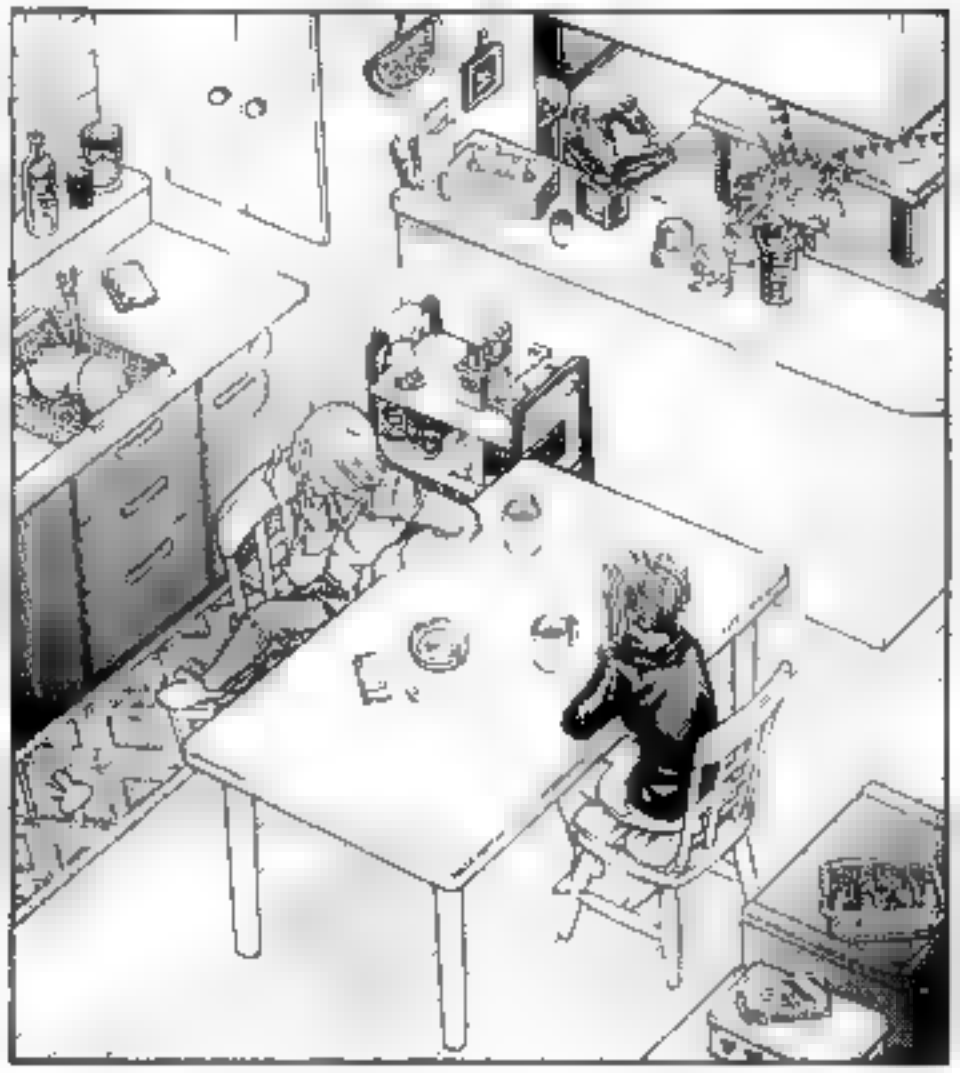
AH...
IT'S NOTHING ...



BUT I LIED AND TOLD THEM HE RAN AWAY.

SO THE OTHER DAY THE DETECTIVE CAME TO TELL ME THAT THEY'D FOUND A FACILITY THAT WOULD TAKE JIN IN.

IF THAT BOY COMES TO VISIT YOU, THEN PLEASE GIVE THIS TO HIM.

AS A MEMENTO.

THIS IS THE PENDANT THAT HIS GRANDFATHER WAS WEARING.

I SEE. IN THAT CASE I GUESS THERE'S NO HELPING T

I ALREADY GAVE IT TO HIM.

OTHERWISE IT'LL JUST DISTURB HIM AND MAKE HIM REMEMBER ...

IT'LL BE BETTER IF YOU HIDE IT FROM HIM.

THAT SANTA DOLL, THE CLOTHES HIS GRANDFATHER BOUGHT HIM...

HE'S BEEN CONSTANTLY WEARING THOSE CLOTHES TOO.

THERE WAS NO POINT IN HIDING IT...

THAT BOY'S ALREADY GOT A TON OF THINGS TO REMIND HIM.

AND I DON'T KNOW WHEN HE BROUGHT THEM OVER...

THE HANDMADE TEXTBOOKS HIS GRAND-FATHER WROTE.

HUH?

IT'S JUST THAT... WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'LL TAKE SOME MORE TIME.

HE'LL FACE REALITY ONE DAY AND GET OVER IT,

AND BE MUCH STRONGER FOR IT.

IT'S OKAY THOUGH, TO JUST SURROUND HIMSELF WITH THOSE MEMORIES AS MUCH AS HE WANTS.

HOW CAN I ABANDON A CHILD LIKE THAT?

WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE PARENTS OR A WARM HOME.

HE'S LIVED WITHOUT EVER KNOWING

I'M GOING TO RAISE THAT BOY.

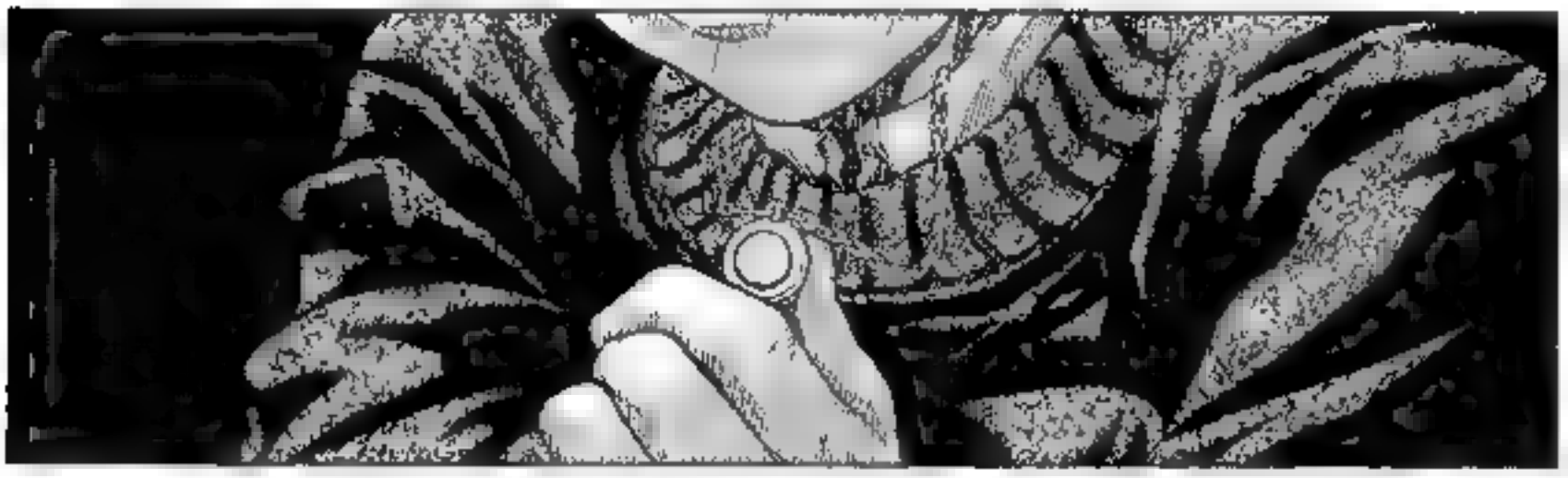
ANYWAY, I'VE ALREADY DECIDED.

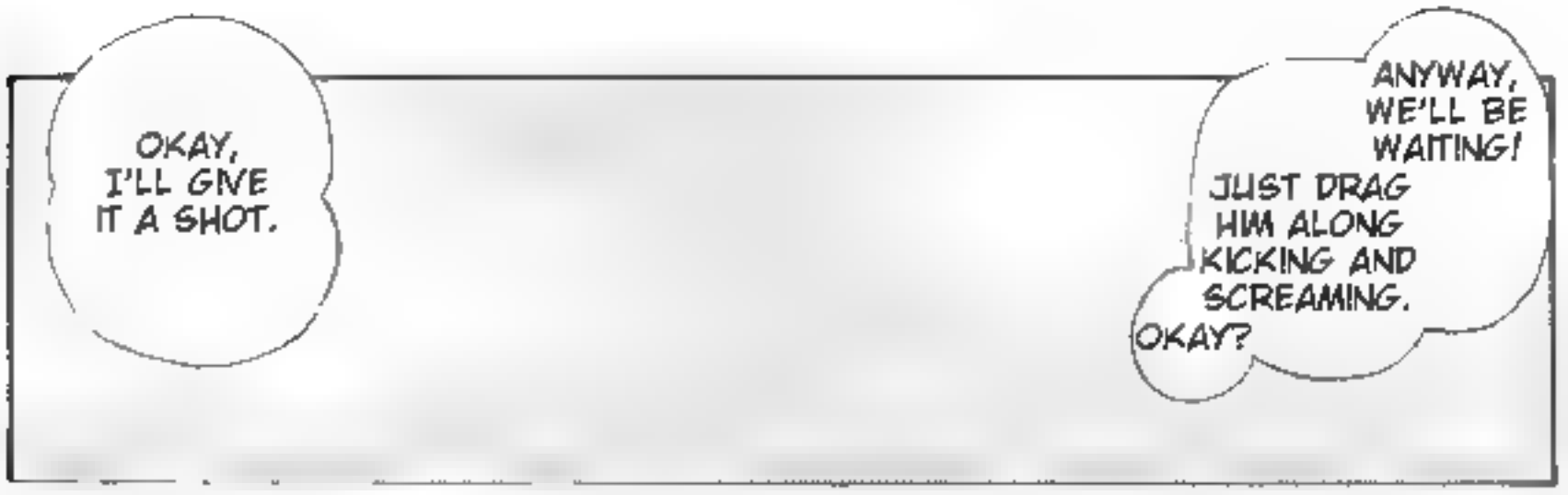
GUESS I'LL BE STRUGGLING ON UPHILL ALL THE WAY...

IT LOOKS LIKE JIN HATES ME.

IT'S JUST THAT NOW

BUT,
I'LL TRY MY BEST!




OKAY, I'LL GIVE IT A SHOT.
ANYWAY, WE'LL BE WAITING!
JUST DRAG HIM ALONG KICKING AND SCREAMING.
OKAY?

OBASAN

I CAN'T FORGET HIM...
I...
I REALLY DO LOVE GRANDPA...

I...

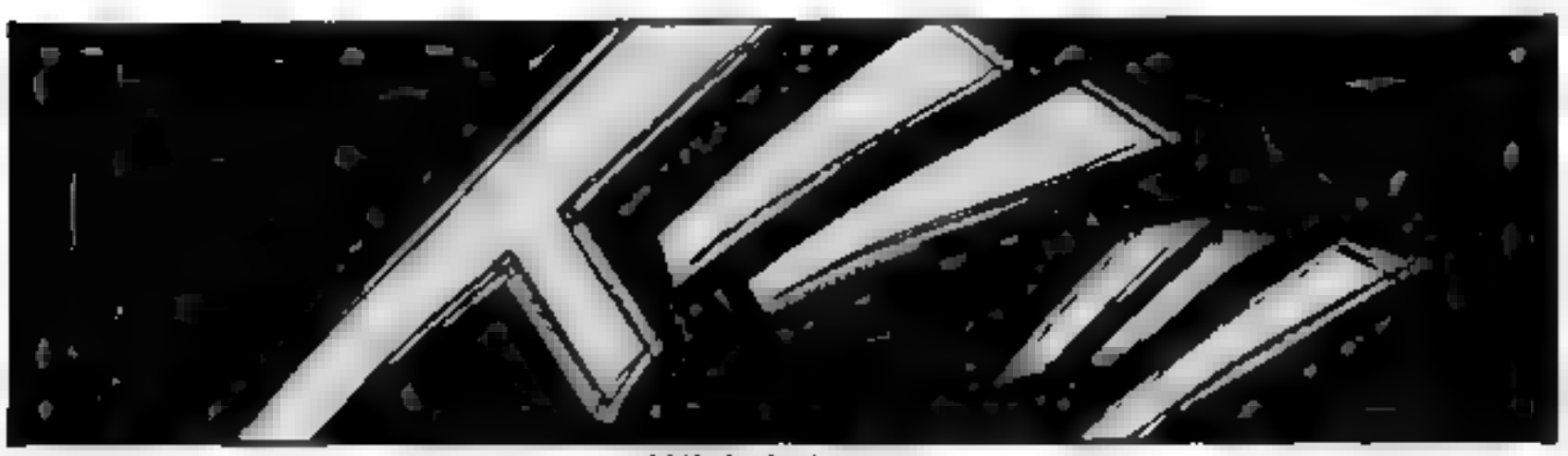
DON'T HATE OBASAN.

BUT I MEAN ...

I'M SORRY

FOR WHAT I DID EARLIER ...

ANYWAY... DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO CALL ME OBASAN?



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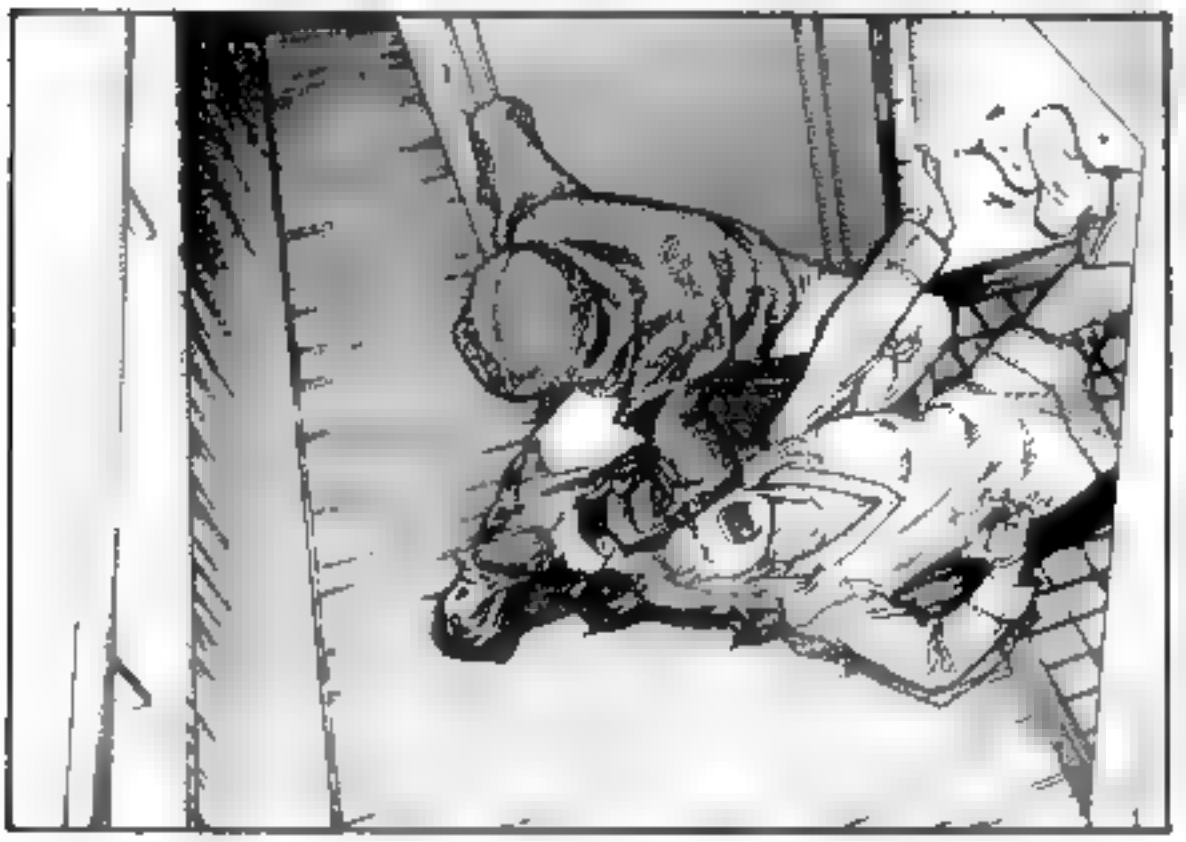
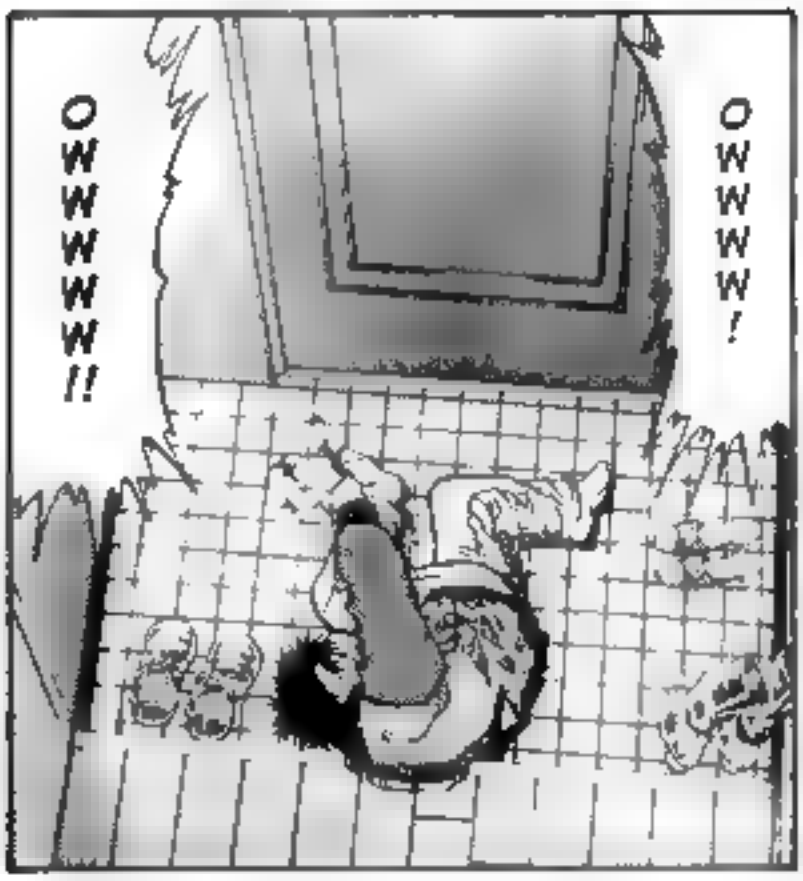
DISASTER

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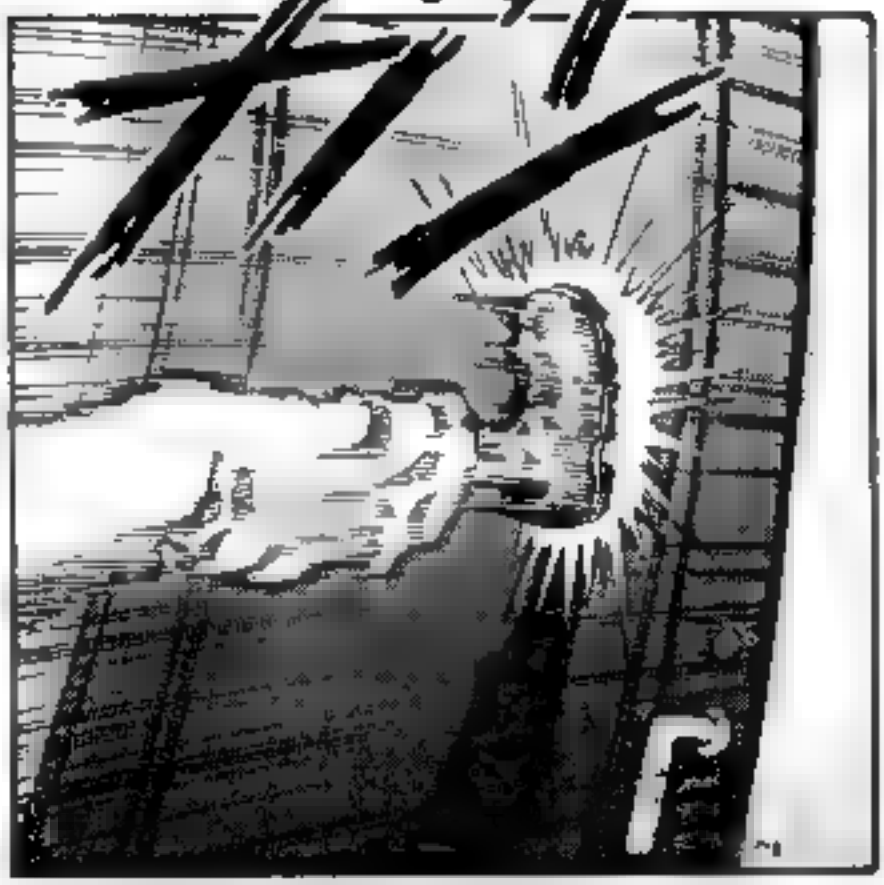
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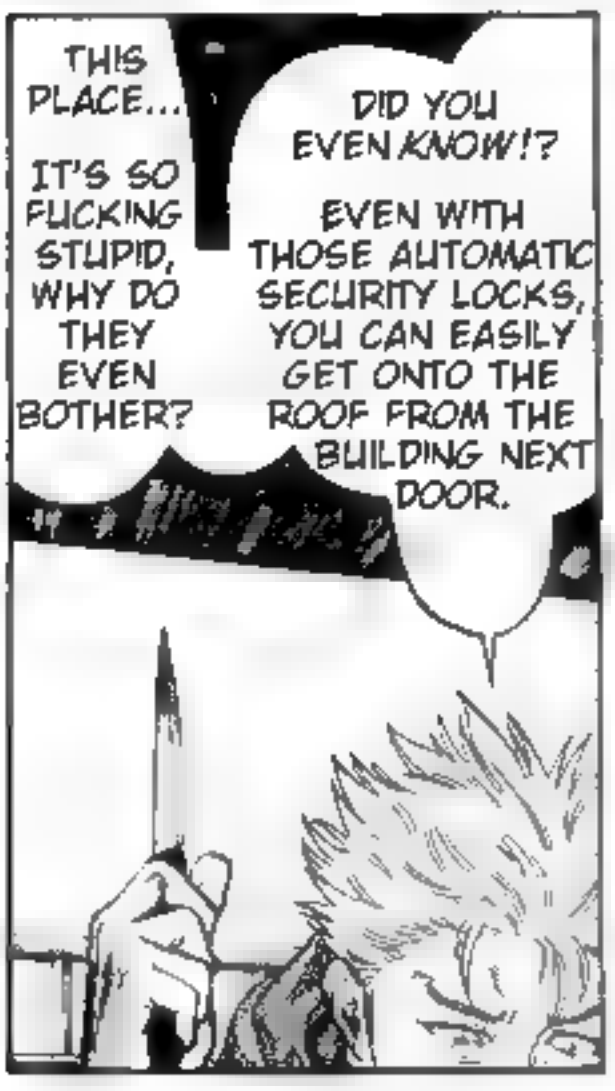
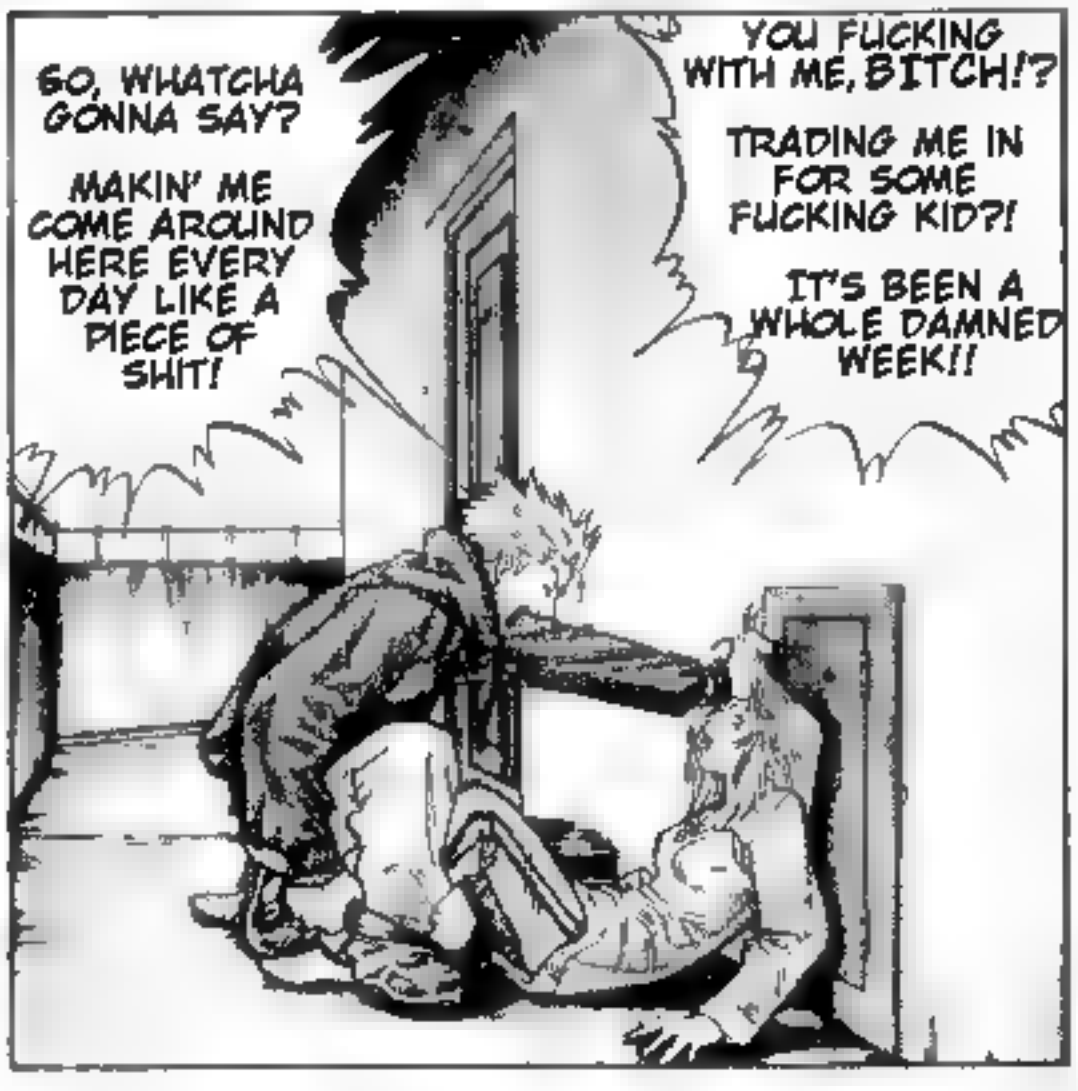

THIS PLACE...
IT'S SO FUCKING STUPID, WHY DO THEY EVEN BOTHER?
DID YOU EVEN KNOW!?
EVEN WITH THOSE AUTOMATIC SECURITY LOCKS, YOU CAN EASILY GET ONTO THE ROOF FROM THE BUILDING NEXT DOOR.


SO, WHATCHA GONNA SAY?
MAKIN' ME COME AROUND HERE EVERY DAY LIKE A PIECE OF SHIT!
YOU FUCKING WITH ME, BITCH!?
TRADING ME IN FOR SOME FUCKING KID?!
IT'S BEEN A WHOLE DAMNED WEEK!!

'CUZ EVER SINCE THAT TIME...

I'VE BEEN FUCKING ITCHING TO FUCKING KILL YOU!

AND THAT FUCKING KID!!

IS THAT KID THE LITTLE SHIT FROM BEFORE?

THAT FUCKING MAKES MY DAY!!

TAKING A WHOLE WEEK TO FIGURE THAT OUT!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S STUPID...

THIS IS MY... FAULT?

!

WELL, FUCK THAT!

I'M GONNA TEACH THAT LITTLE SHIT A LESSON!

RIP MY PRIDE TO PIECES LIKE THAT...

.....

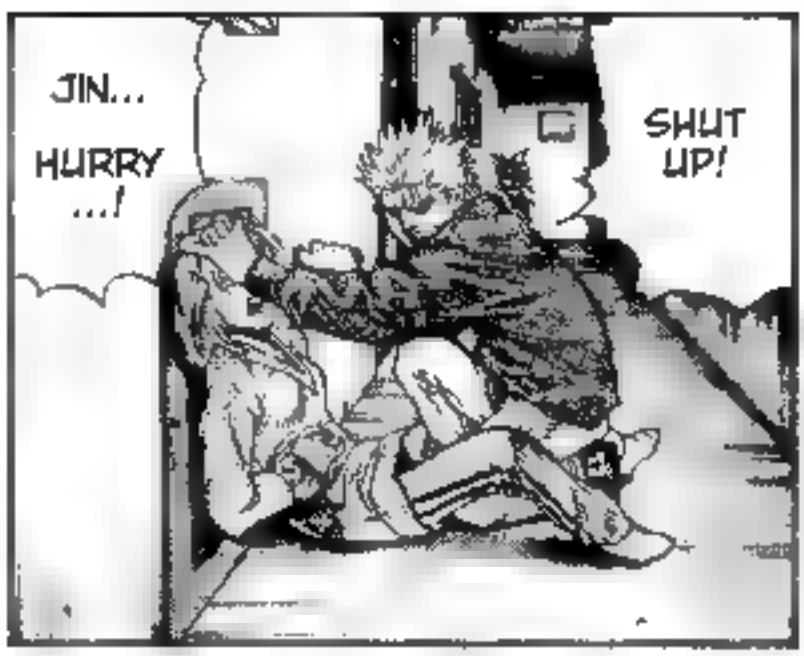
YOU BITCH ...

YOU'RE SUCH A *SMALL* MAN... IN *ALL* RES-PECTS

SO... HMM....
YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR MAKING A FOOL OUT OF ME...
HOW SHOULD I KILL YOU?
YOU JUST SHUT THE HELL UP!
IF YOU'D JUST PAID ME THE ONE MILLION YEN TO LEAVE YOU ALONE...
YOU'D BE OK RIGHT NOW.

NOW I'M GOING TO SAVE YOU.
NO REWARD NEEDED...
OBA-SAN

GET BACK IN THE HOUSE AND CALL THE POLICE!!
JIN!!
DON'T COME OVER HERE!!!


JIN...
HURRY ...!
SHUT UP!

GRANDPA...

VIOLENCE WILL ONLY BREED HATRED...
JIN...

THAT GUY IS TOTALLY CRAZY!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO!? GRANDPA...
SO IS IT BECAUSE I BEAT HIM UP LAST TIME THAT OBASAN'S IN TROUBLE LIKE THIS NOW?
THEN... WHAT SHOULD I DO TO SAVE HER?

BECAUSE IF SHE DIES I CAN'T SEE HER ANYMORE!!

Y... YOU! STOP NOW!

BECAUSE IF I DON'T DO IT SOON SHE'LL DIE!

I'M GOING TO TAKE OBASAN TO THE HOSPITAL NOW.

WHAT ?

I'LL FINISH YOU OFF LATER.

SO PUT A SOCK IN IT NOW AND JUST WATCH!

WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU SAYING, KID?!

TAKING SOMEONE ELSE'S KID...

THAT'S CALLED *KIDNAP-PING.*

I BET YOU'RE FEELING PRETTY LONELY.

A SUB-STITUTE FOR THAT KID YOUR HUSBAND TOOK, EH?

SO... IT'S ALL OVER FOR YOU NOW...

AND THAT INCLUDES YOUR OWN KID!
IN THE WORLD WHO'D LOVE A STUPID BITCH LIKE YOU!
YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE?
THERE'S NOT A SINGLE PERSON...
DIE, YOU WORTHLESS BASTARD!!

AAAAAAAAAH!!
NO, YOU DIE.

OHHH HEY, CAN'T FACE YOUR KID ANYMORE WITH THAT FACE EITHER!

CAN'T STAY IN THE SERVICE BUSINESS WITH A FACE LIKE THAT...
UGHHH
UGHHH

GYAHAHAHAHA-HAHAHAHAHA!!!

HAHA! LIKE IT MATTERS! 'CUZ YOU'RE GONNA **DIE** SOON ANYWAY!

RIGHT?

HAHAHAAA...

WHA ...?!

UGH!

KICK

GAAAAH
BLUBBER
BLUBBER

AAAH??!

GAAAAAH!!

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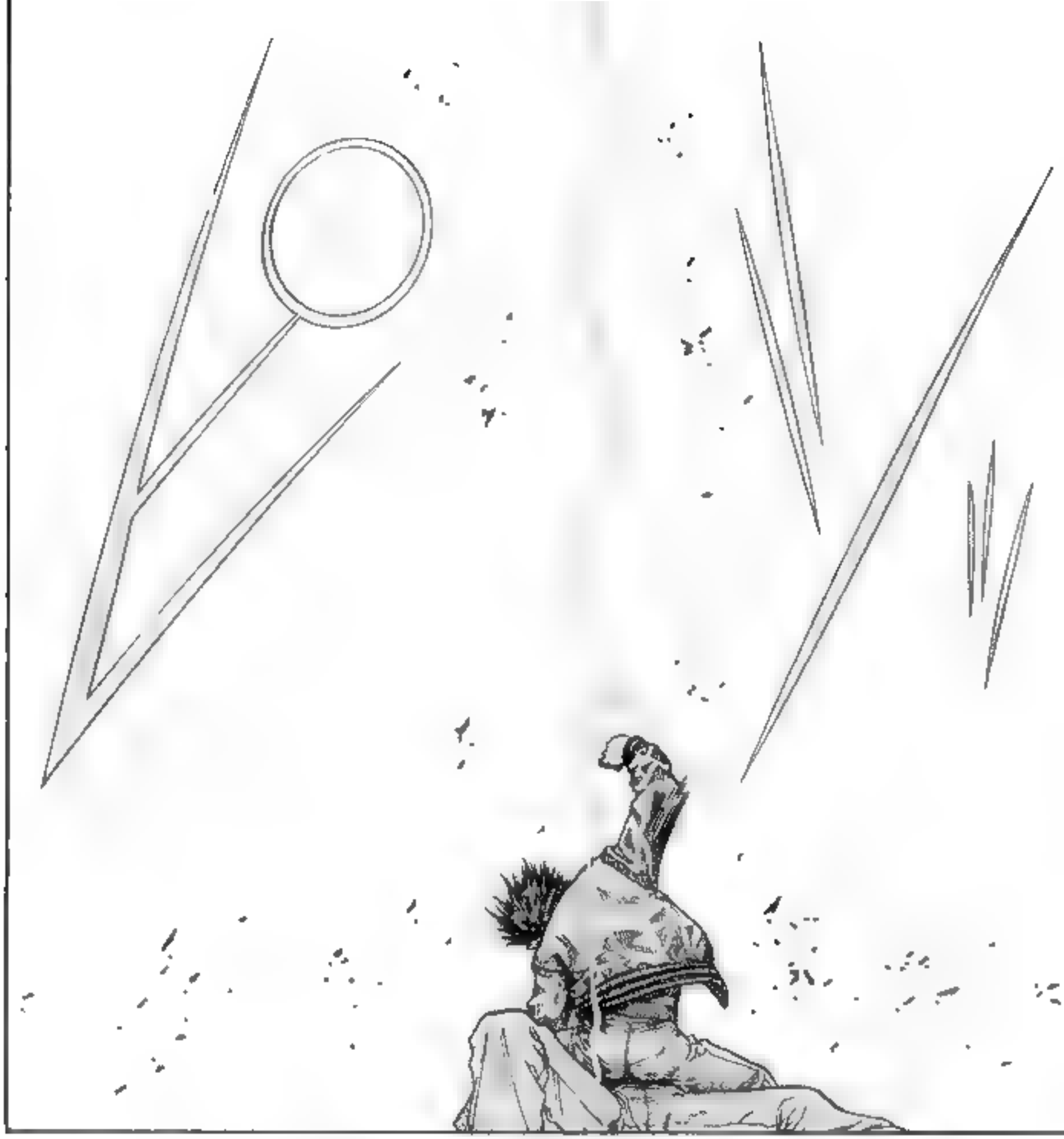

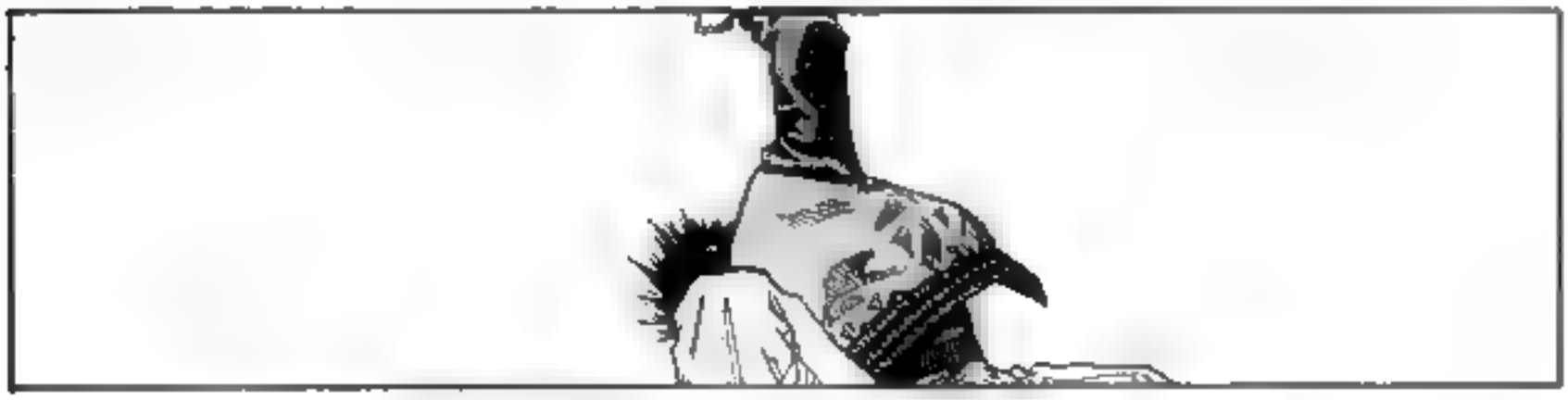

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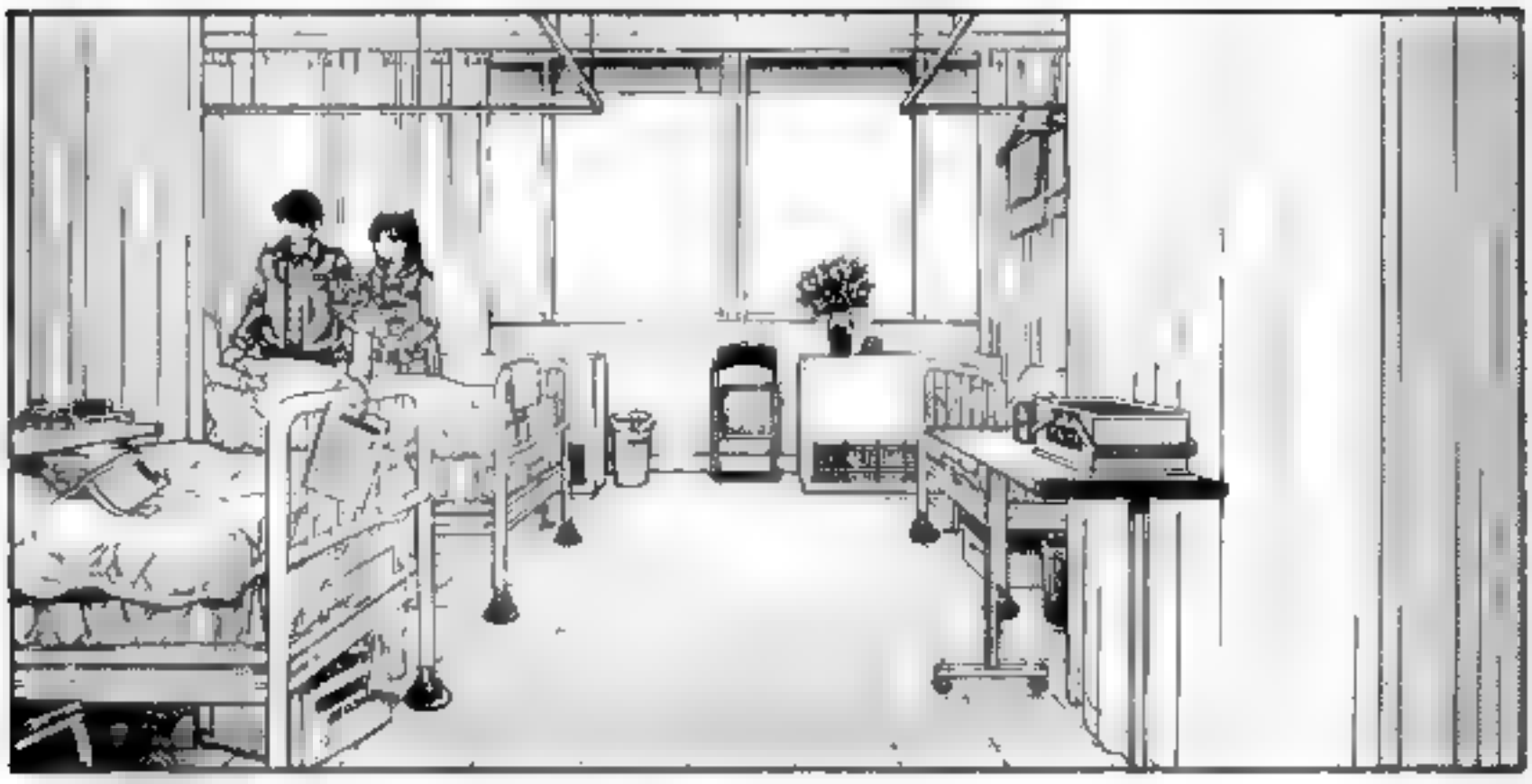

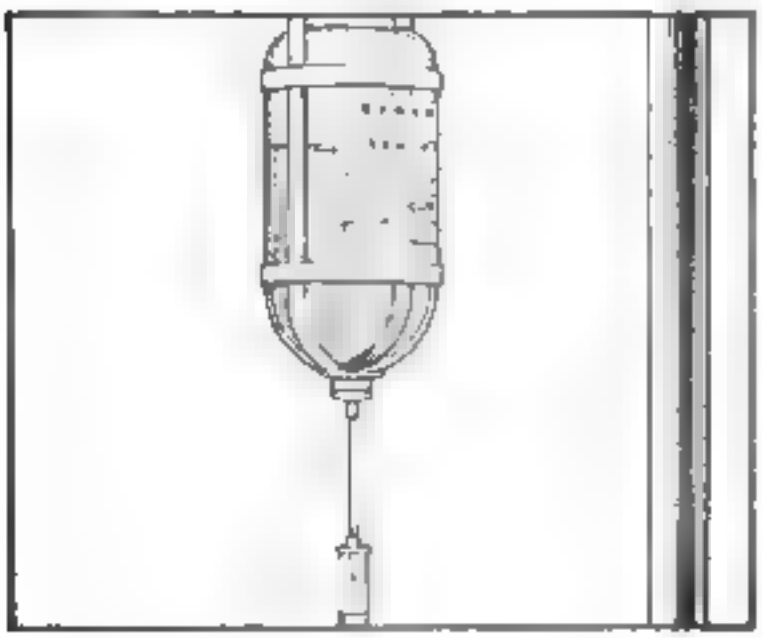

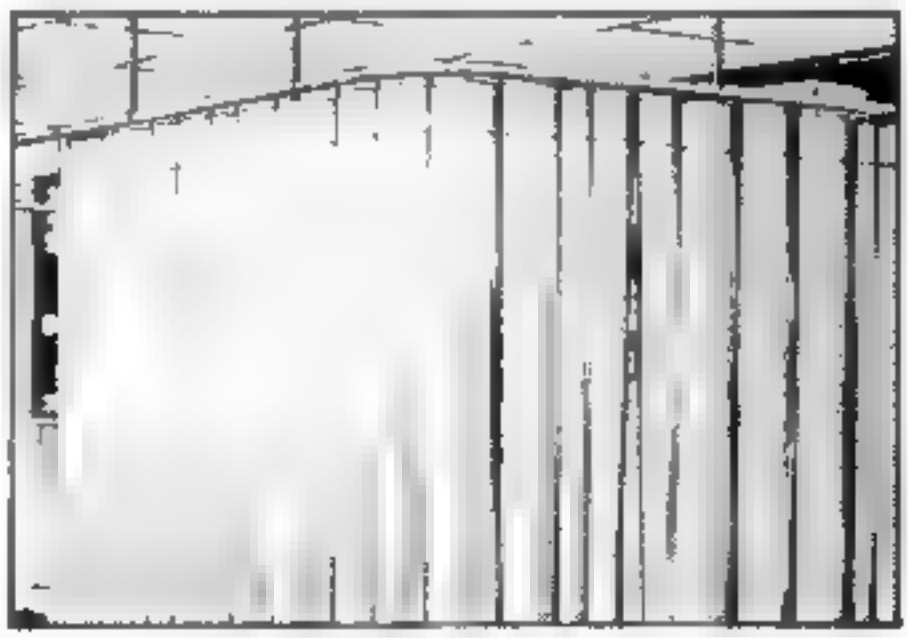

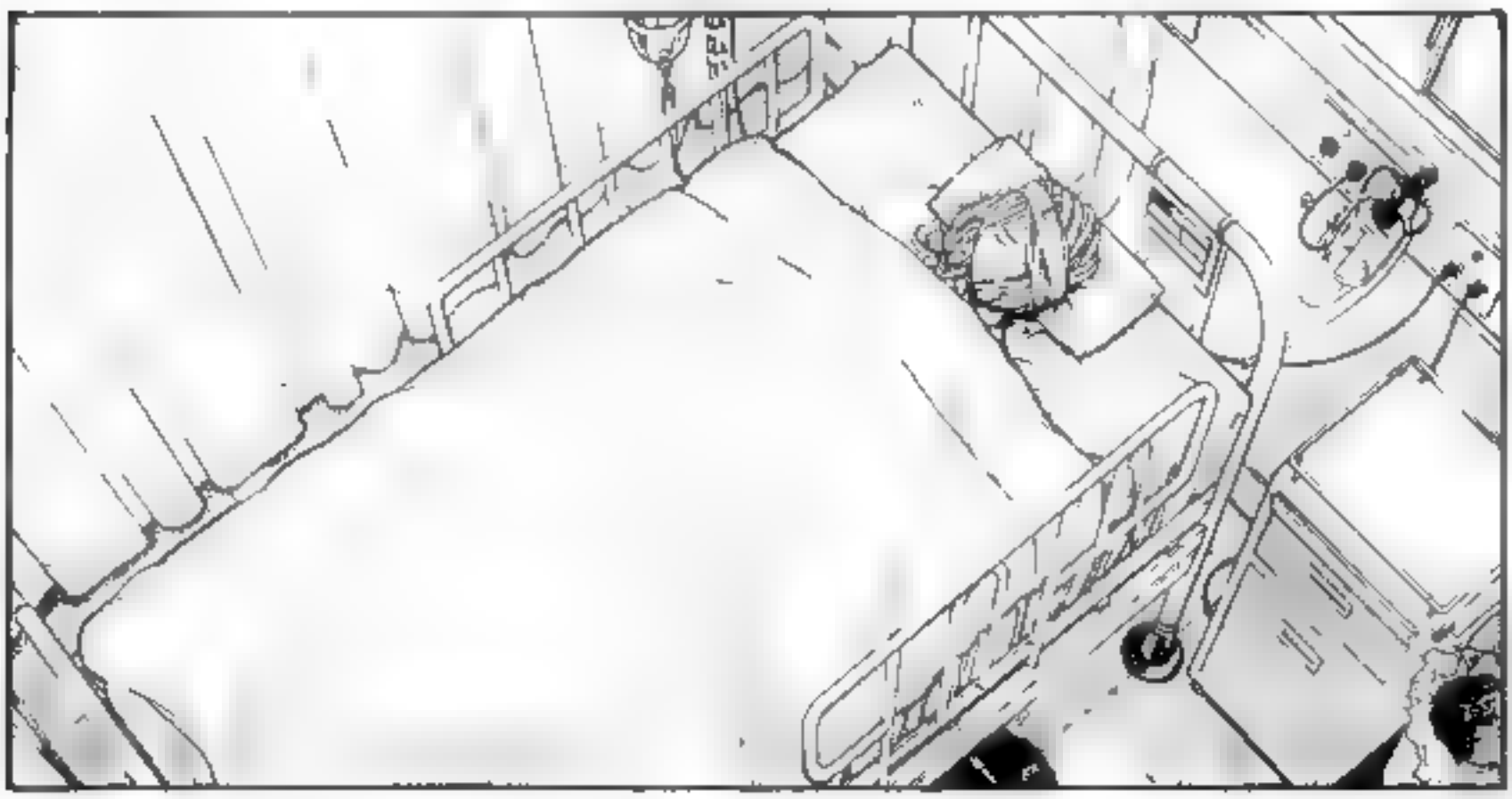

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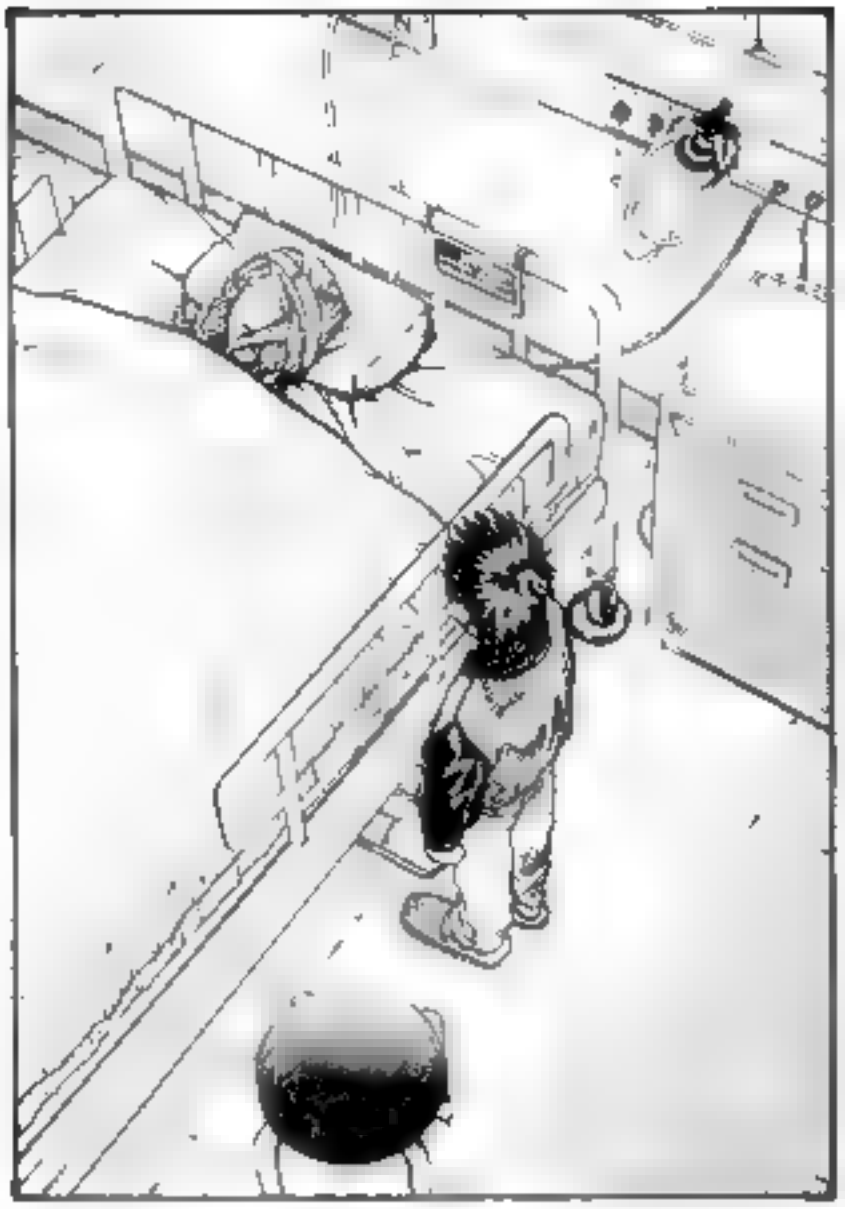
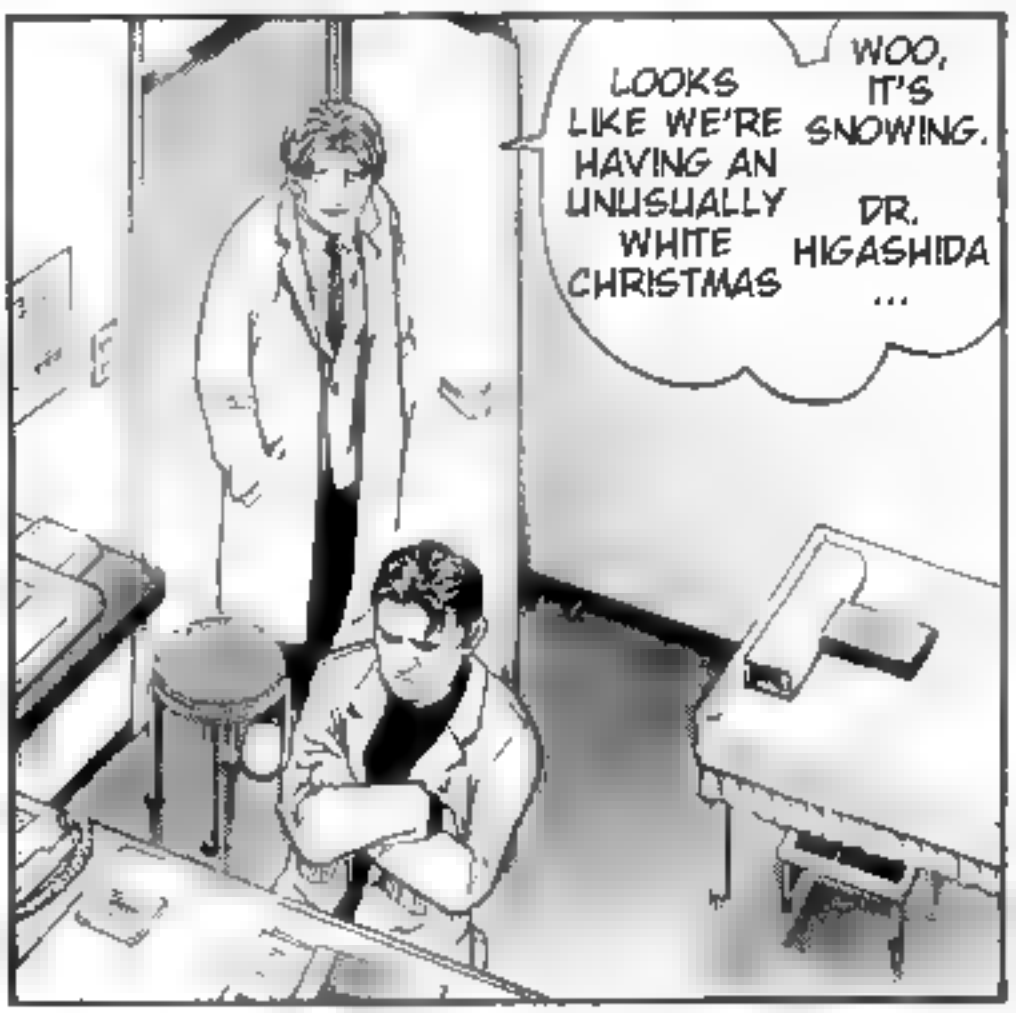


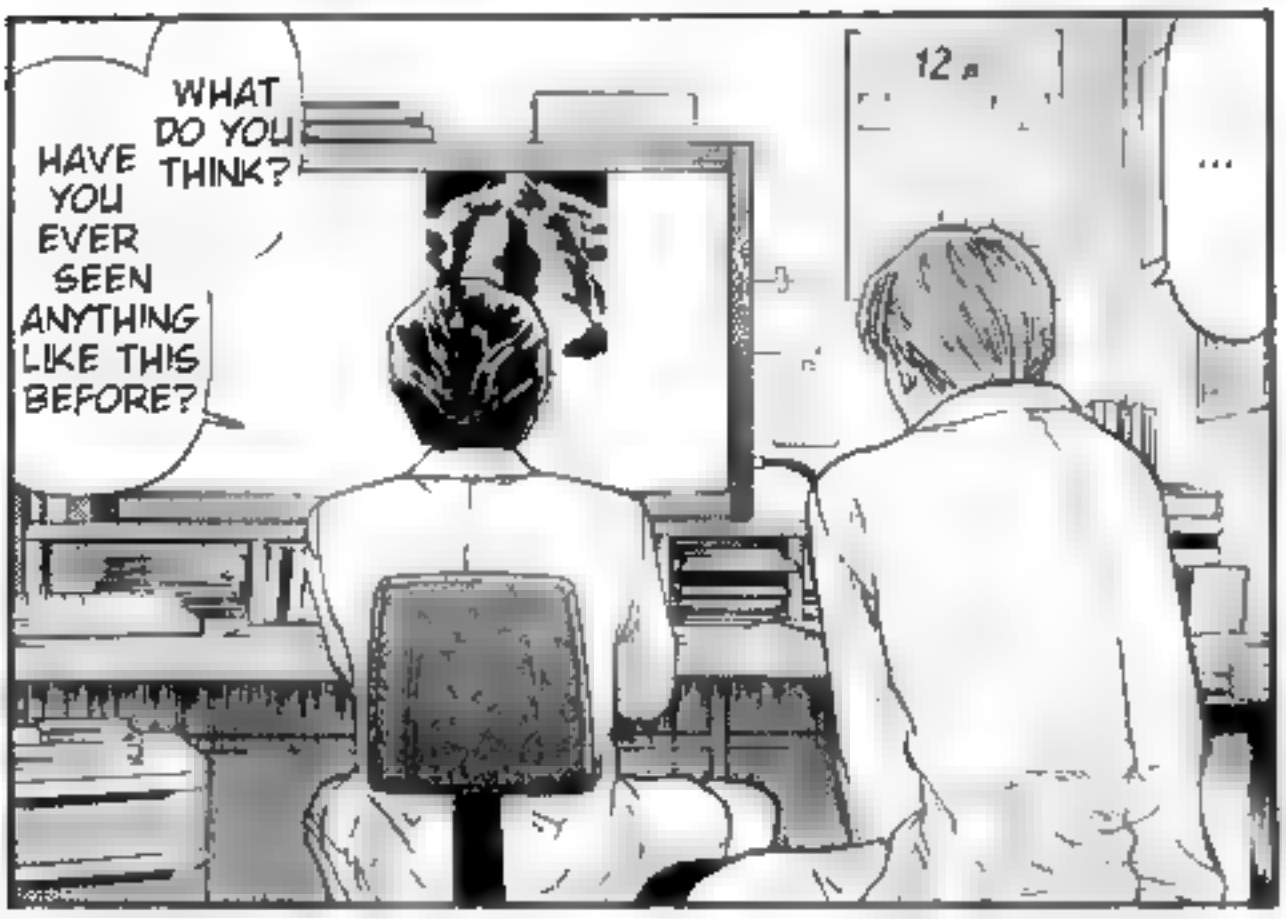
THAT EXAMI-NATION SURE TOOK A WHILE.
YOUR BODY... WAS EVERY-THING OKAY?

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF OBACHAN.

HUH?

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
THIS IS PRETTY UNUSUAL TOO...


LOOKS LIKE WE'RE HAVING AN UNUSUALLY WHITE CHRISTMAS
WOO, IT'S SNOWING.
DR. HIGASHIDA ...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WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE?
...

HUH?

IT'S ALSO SHAPED ABNORMALLY.
IT'S RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE ...
THE HEART ...
HMM...
THIS... YOU'D BETTER ... SHOW THIS TO A SPECIALIST

THE WOMAN WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED ON HER SIDE AND FACE...

YOU KNOW THAT CASE OF VIOLENT CRIME YESTERDAY.

THESE ARE FROM THAT CHILD.

WHERE THREE PEOPLE -- A MAN, A WOMAN, AND A CHILD -- WERE BROUGHT IN?

WHOSE IS IT?

THERE ARE NO APPARENT SIGNS OF ANYTHING ABNORMAL ANYWHERE.

AND... ALTHOUGH THIS BOY WAS THE UNCONSCIOUS WOUNDED ON HIS CALF HAD ALREADY CLOSED UP.

THE MAN WHO APPEARS TO BE THE CRIMINAL IN THIS CASE SUSTAINED COMPOUND FRACTURES TO THE NOSE AND JAW, AND IS NOW SUFFERING FROM SEVERE ILLNESS.

IT CAN'T BE...

...

SOME YEARS AGO...

I HEARD A STRANGE RUMOR...

SO IT LEAVES ME TO WONDER, WHO IS THE ONE THAT ATTACKED THE SUSPECT ...?

"MOREOVER, THE ARTIFICIAL HUMAN BEING POSSESSES SUPERHUMAN POWERS."

... IS WHAT THEY SAID.

"A SCIENTIST SUCEEDED IN CREATING A "HUMAN" FROM SCRATCH, WITHOUT RESORTING TO CLONING."

...

...

...IT'S JUST THAT ...

HAHA...

I GUESS THAT REALLY DOES SOUND LIKE NONSENSE.

WHAT KIND OF TALK IS THAT?

SOUNDS LIKE RUBBISH TO ME!!

AT ANY RATE, I'D LIKE TO EXAMINE THE CHILD A BIT MORE.

ANYWAY...

I WAS JUST REMEMBERING THAT STORY NOW, THAT'S ALL.

JGK

JGK

LOOKS LIKE HE'S STILL HAVING NIGHTMARES.

HOW IS HE?

UGH

UGH

ALL THESE HORRIBLE THINGS HAPPEN IN FRONT OF HIM AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE

TO KEEP HAVING

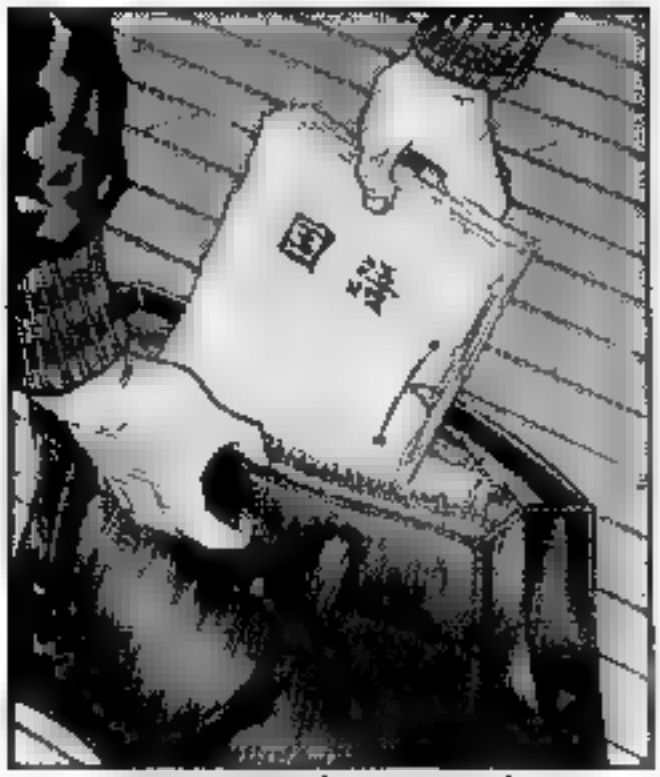
EVEN SO.

I FEEL REALLY SORRY FOR THAT BOY

WE'VE BEEN HAVING A WHOLE LOT OF THESE UNEXPLAINABLE CASES LATELY

I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED

REALLY



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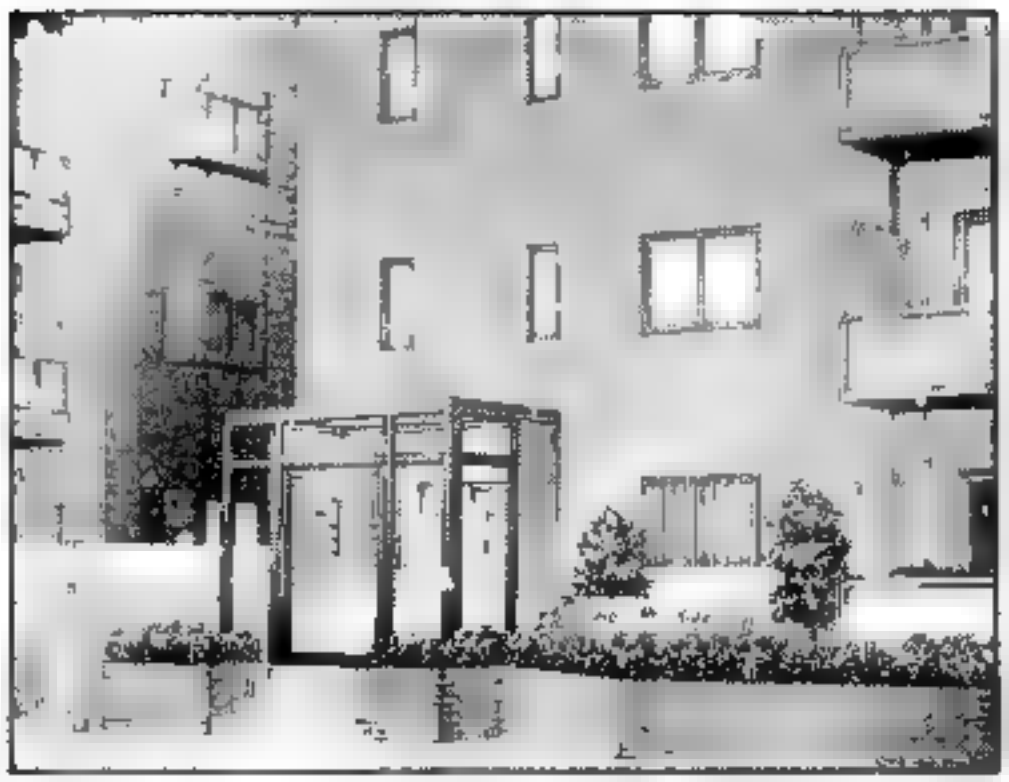
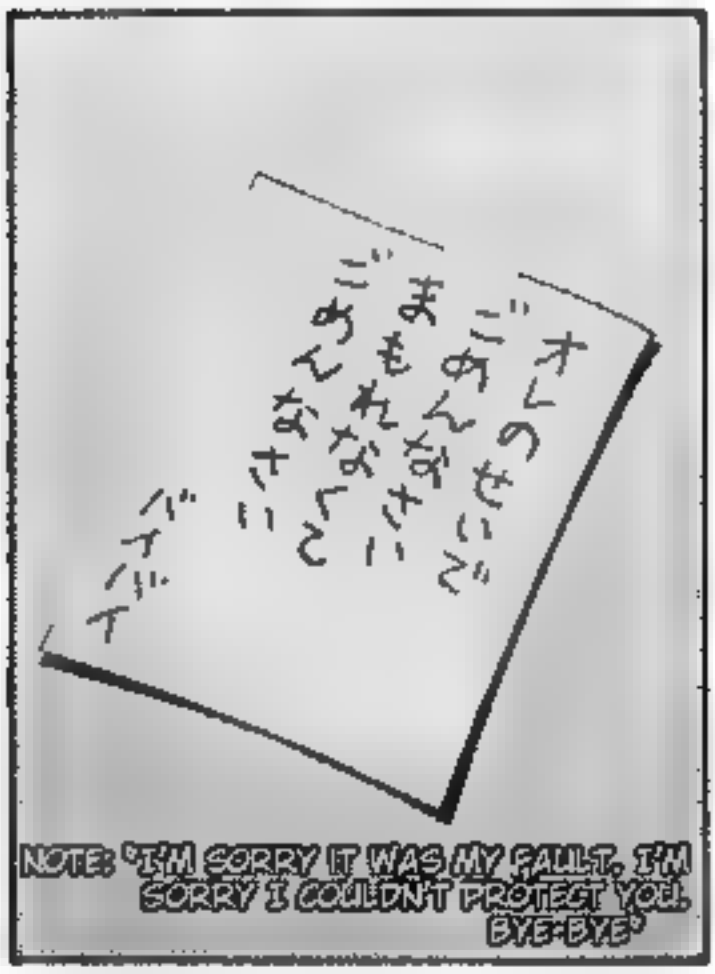
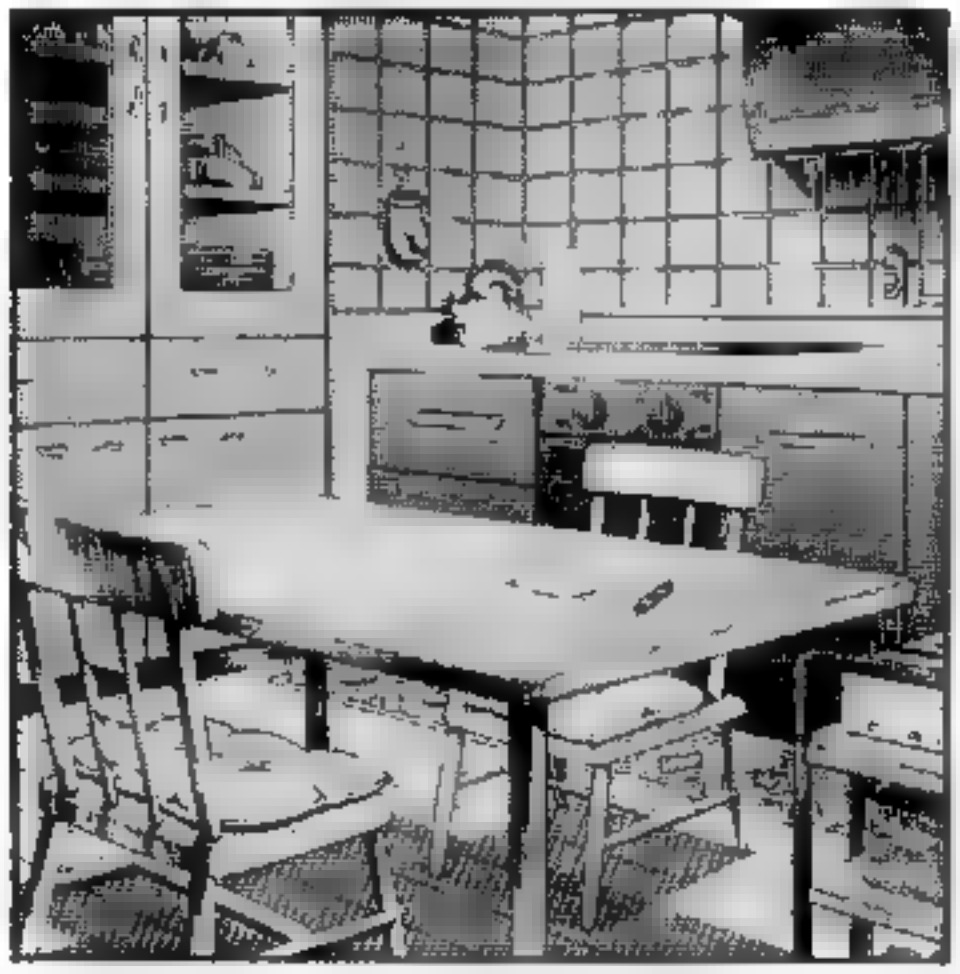
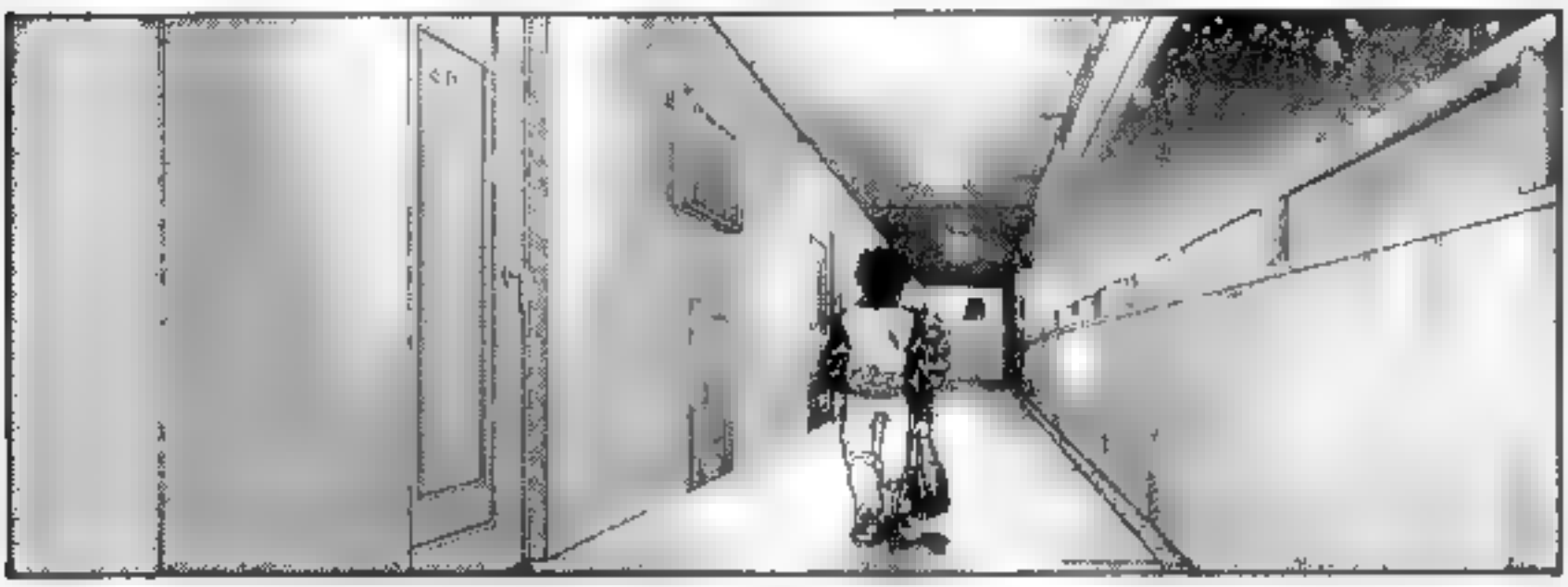
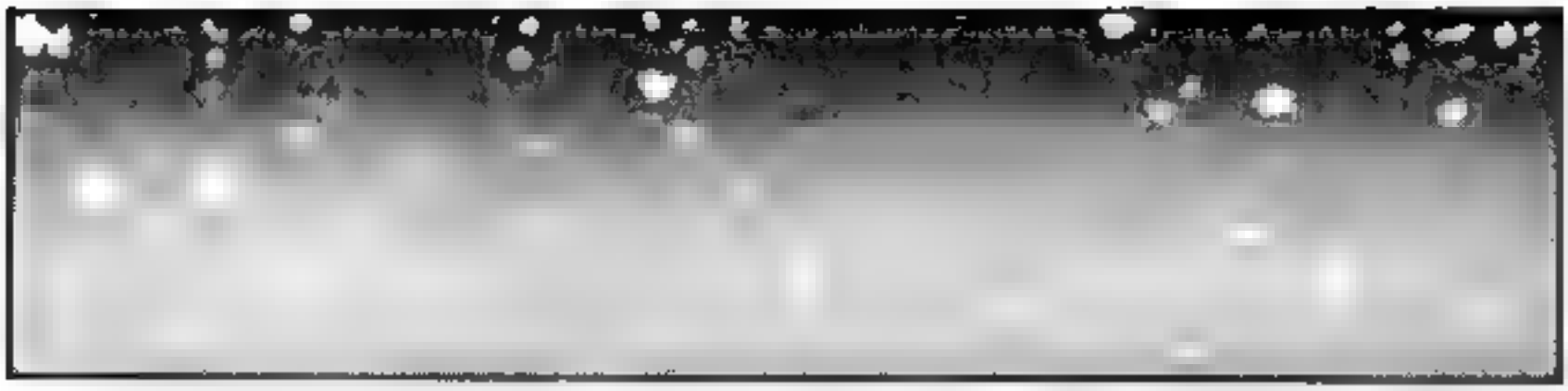




NOTE: "I'M SORRY IT WAS MY FAULT. I'M SORRY I COULDN'T PROTECT YOU. BYE-BYE"







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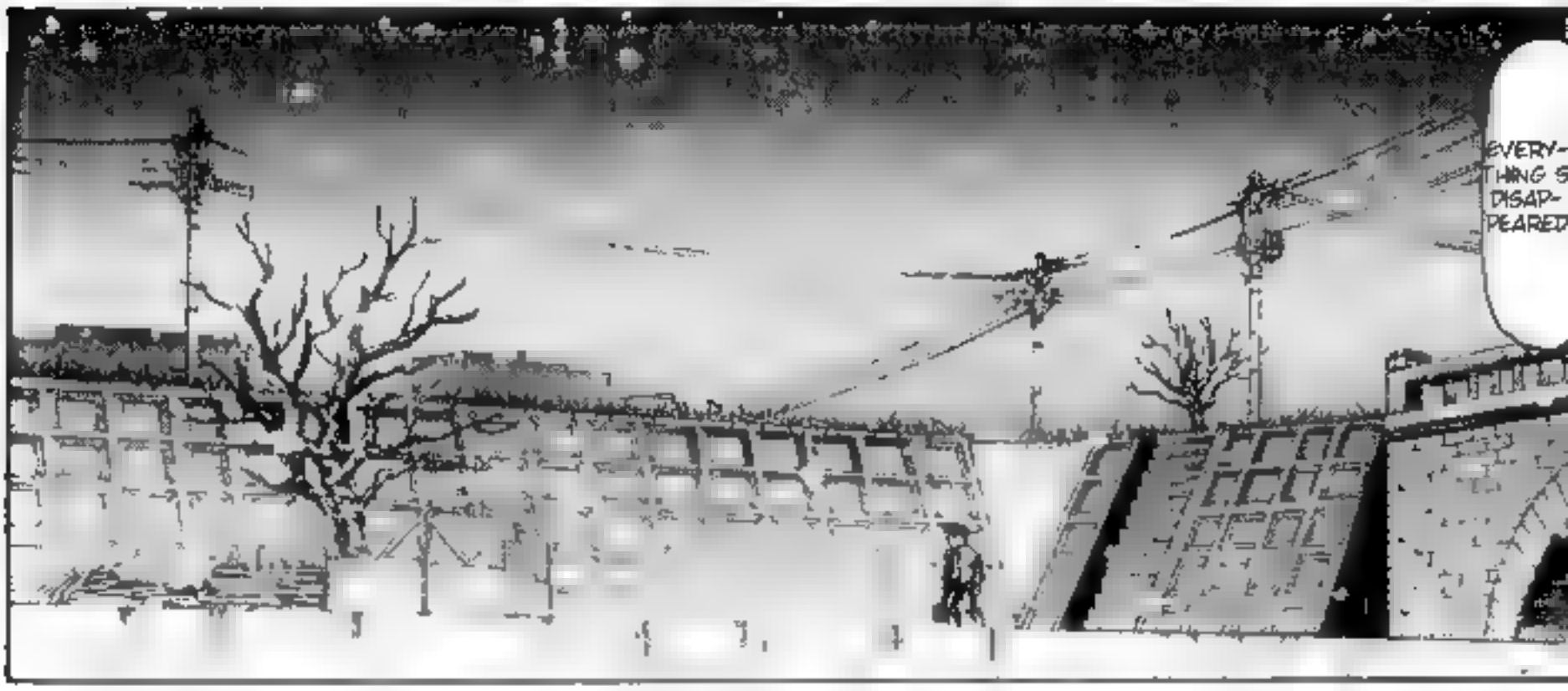
EVERY-
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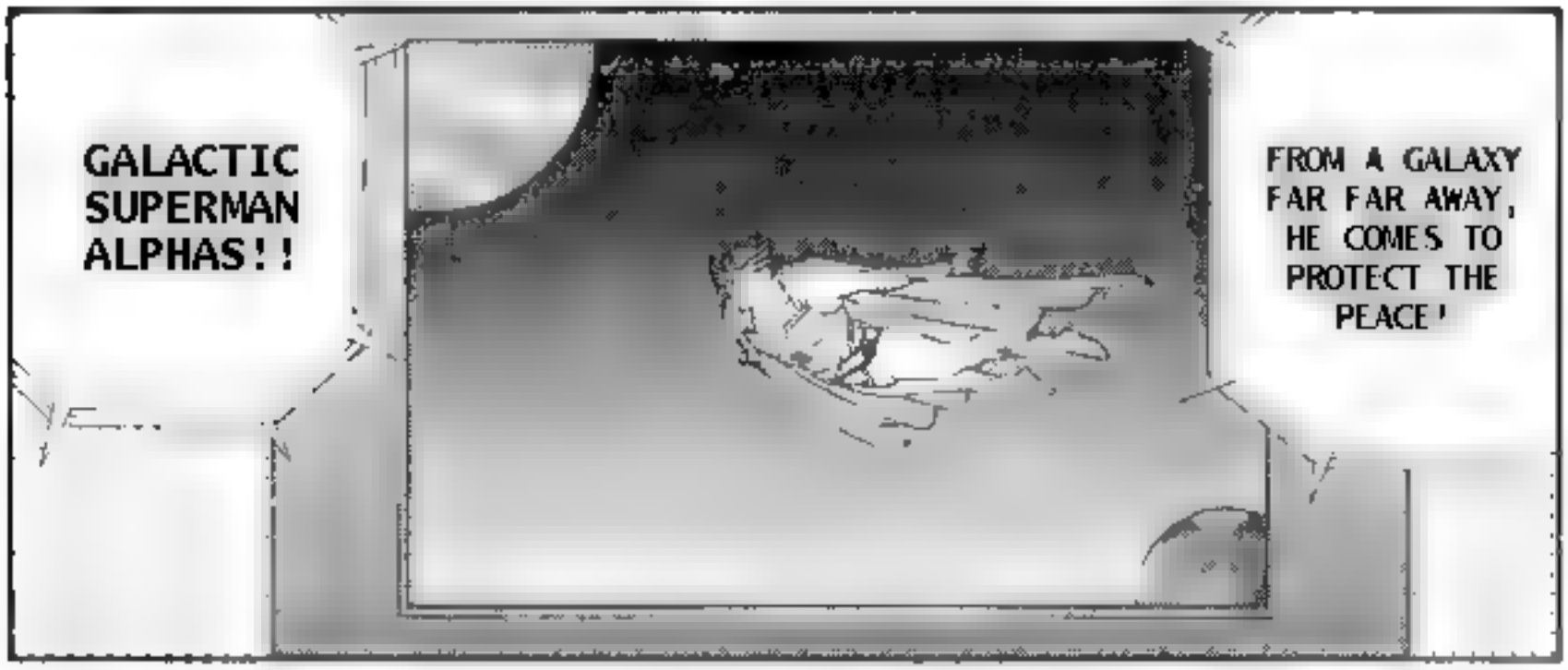
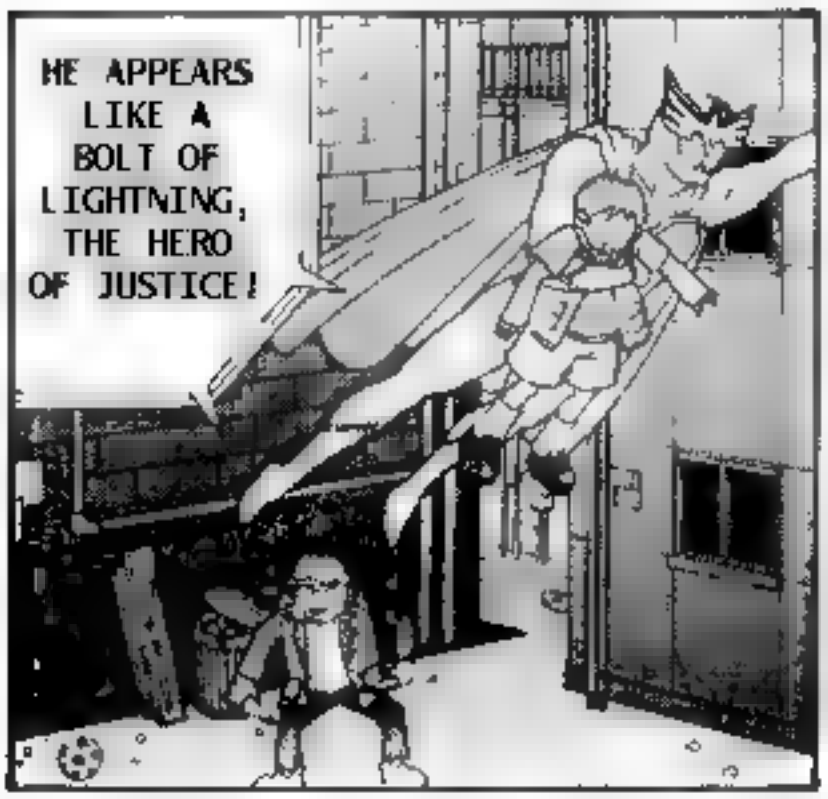
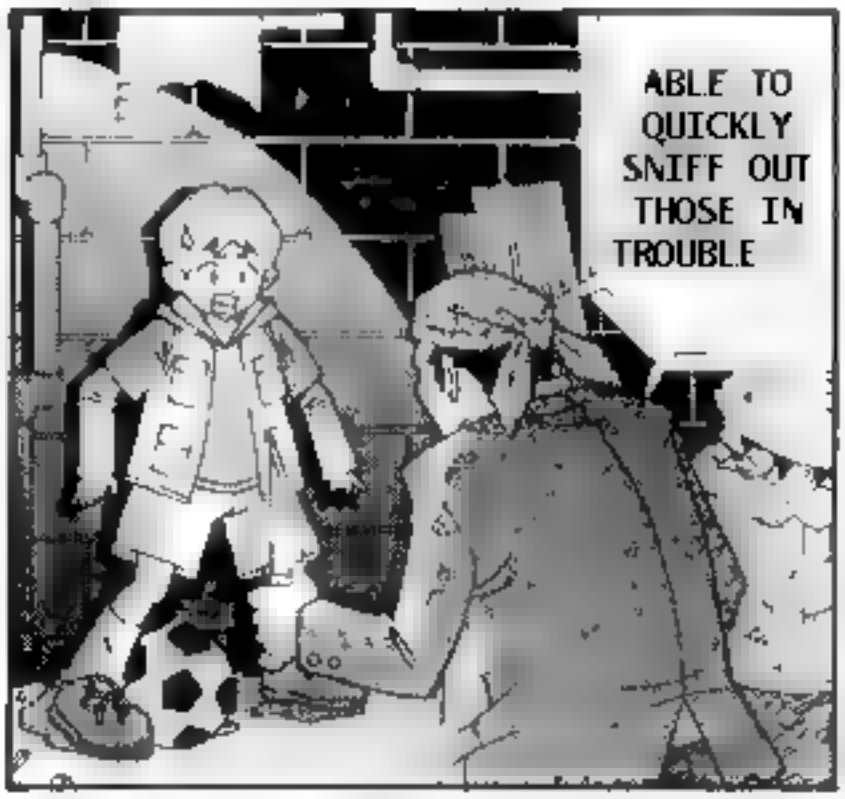
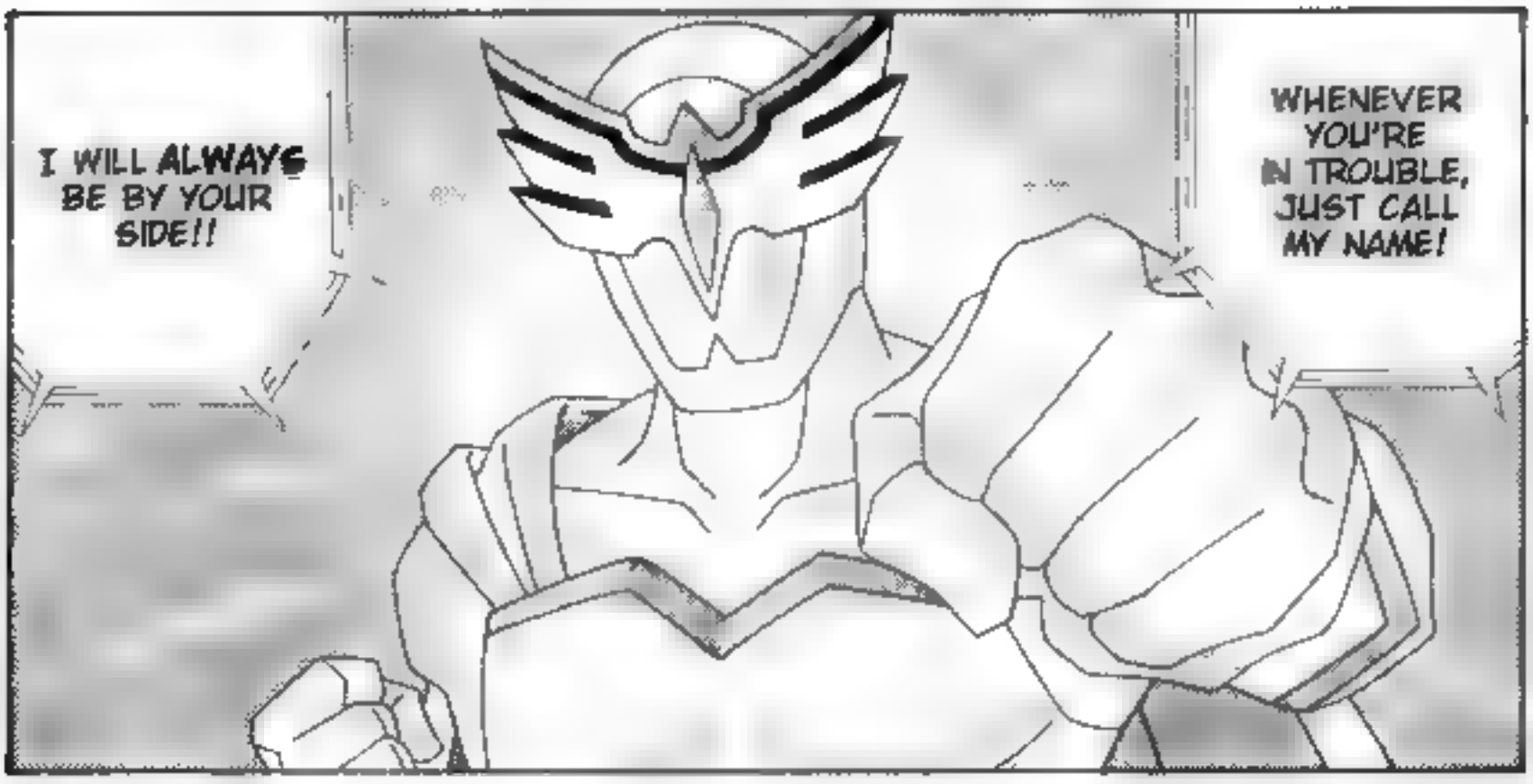
SIGN: "TOY STORE MITSUMORI"

STORE BANNER "ALPHAS FAIR"


GALACTIC SUPERMAN ALPHAS!!
FROM A GALAXY FAR FAR AWAY, HE COMES TO PROTECT THE PEACE!


HE APPEARS LIKE A BOLT OF LIGHTNING, THE HERO OF JUSTICE!


ABLE TO QUICKLY SNIFF OUT THOSE IN TROUBLE


I WILL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE!!
WHENEVER YOU'RE IN TROUBLE, JUST CALL MY NAME!

YEAH...
RIGHT...

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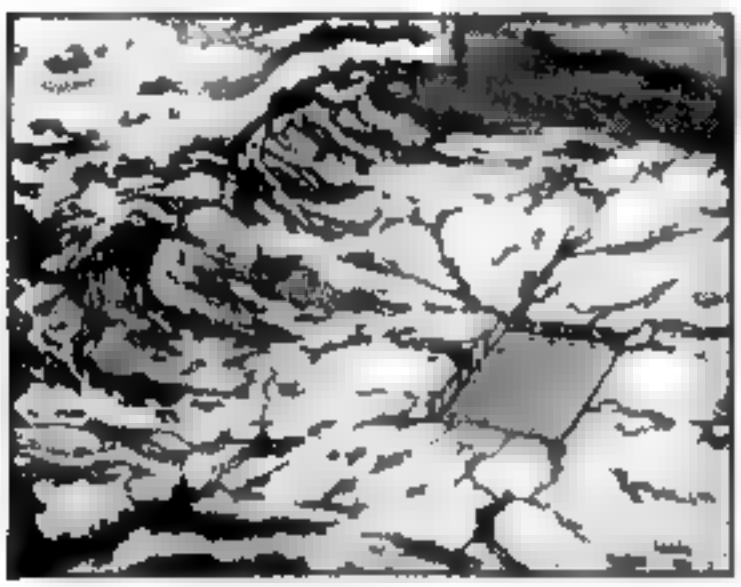
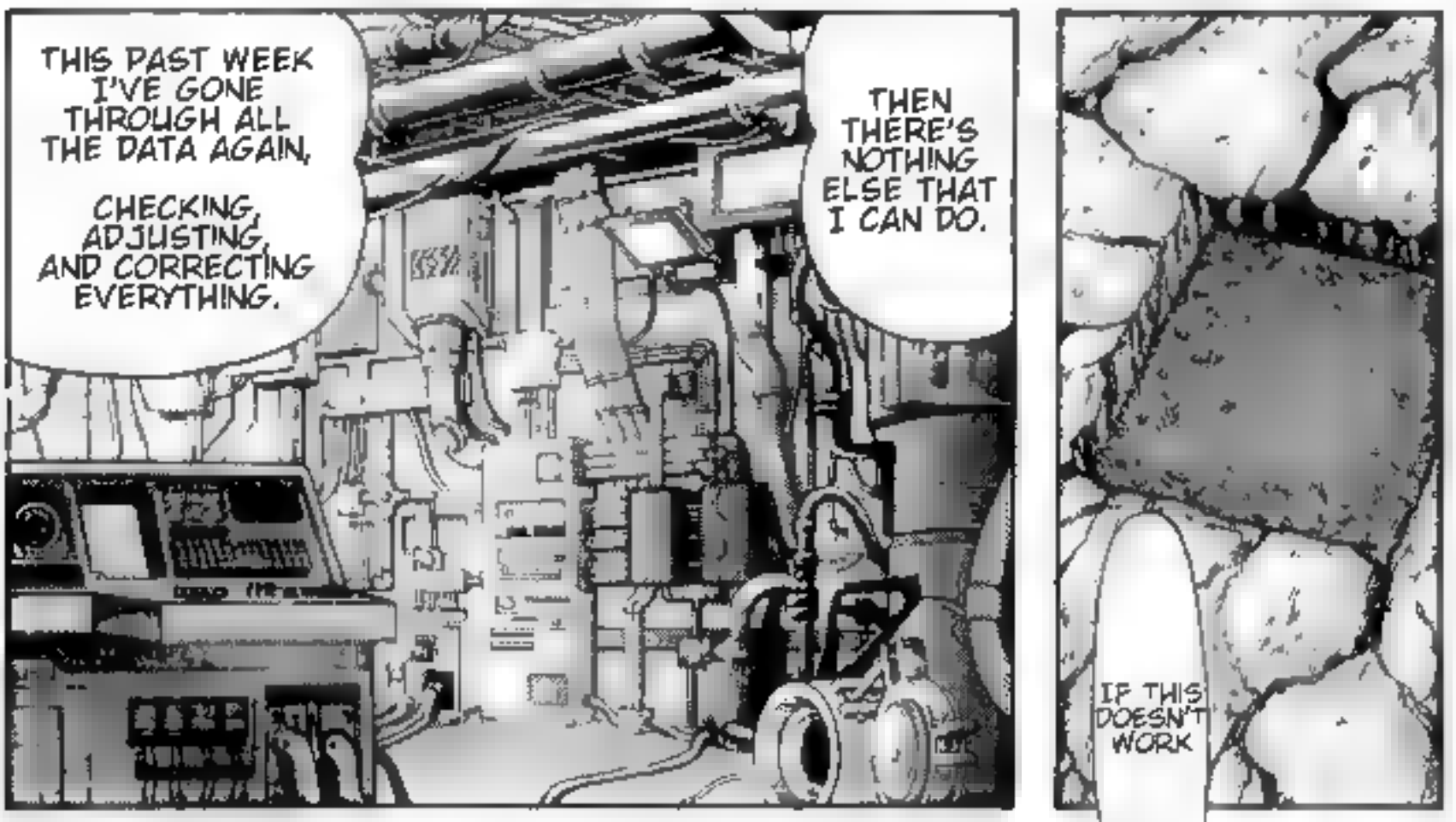
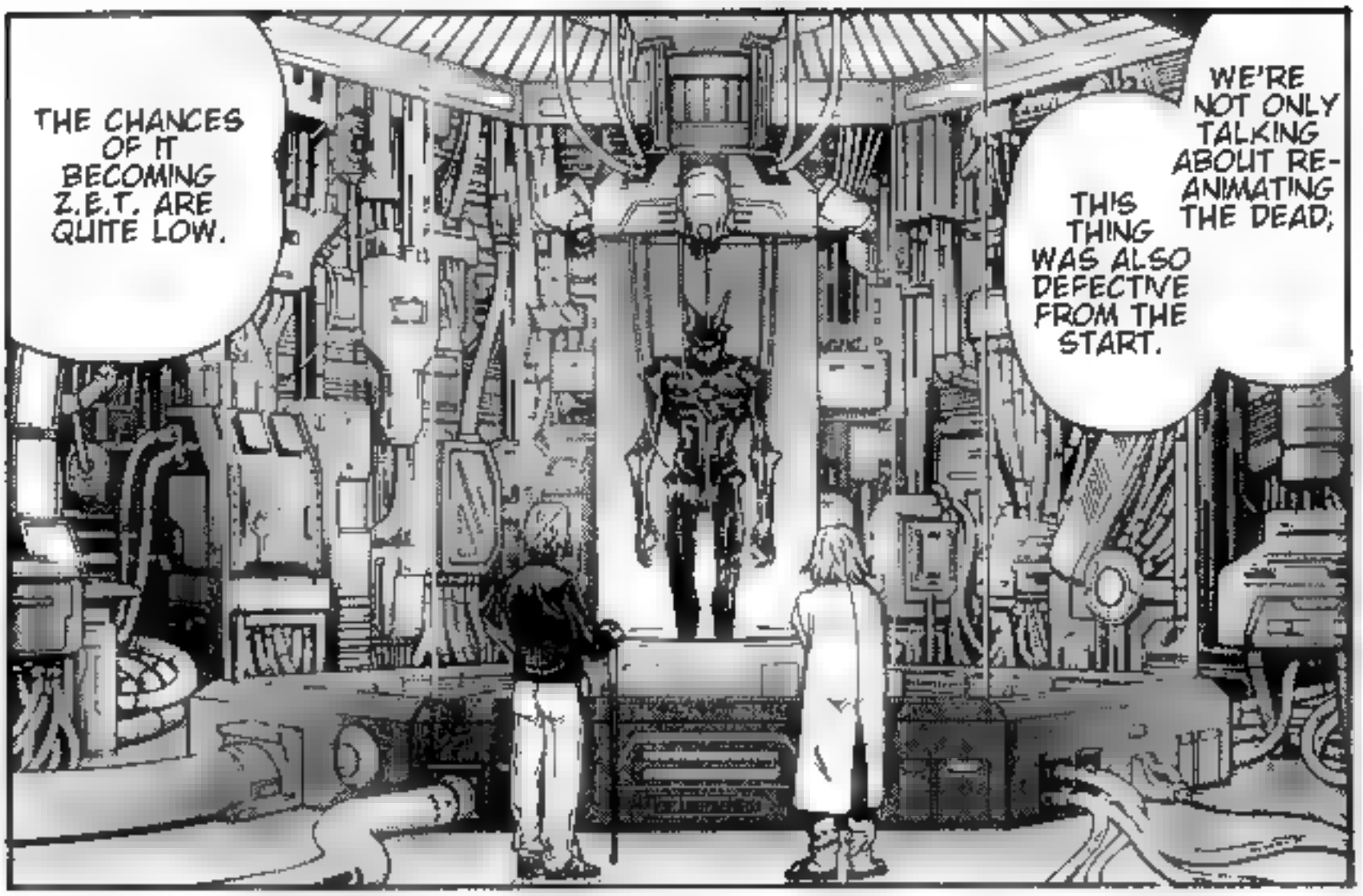
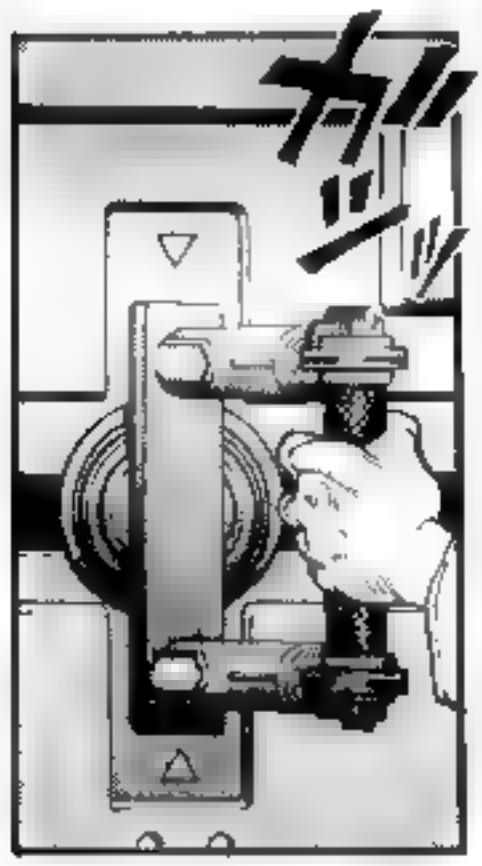
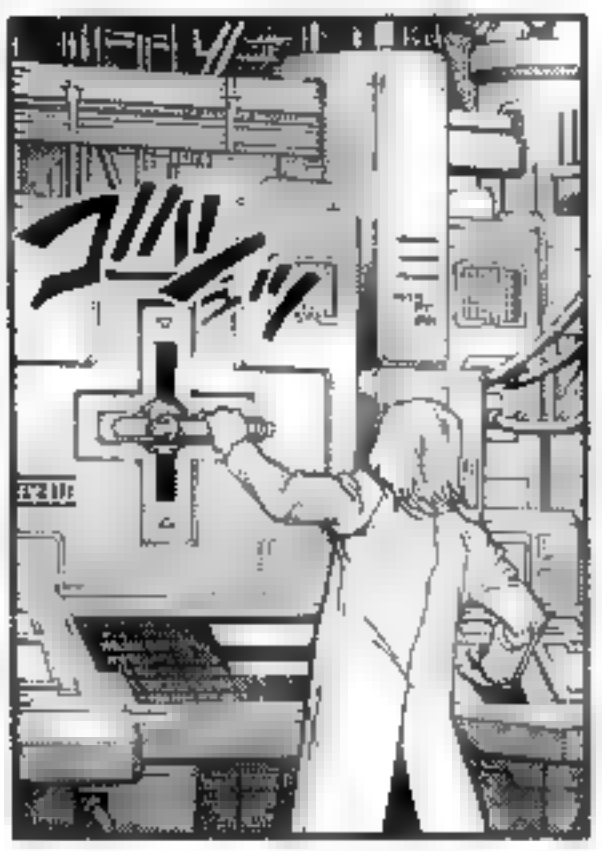



THIS PAST WEEK I'VE GONE THROUGH ALL THE DATA AGAIN,
CHECKING, ADJUSTING, AND CORRECTING EVERYTHING.
THEN THERE'S NOTHING ELSE THAT I CAN DO.
IF THIS DOESN'T WORK


THE CHANCES OF IT BECOMING Z.E.T. ARE QUITE LOW.
WE'RE NOT ONLY TALKING ABOUT RE-ANIMATING THE DEAD;
THIS THING WAS ALSO DEFECTIVE FROM THE START.

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOUR EXCUSES, JUST HURRY AND WAKE IT UP!!





OKAY, OKAY
I UNDER-STAND.
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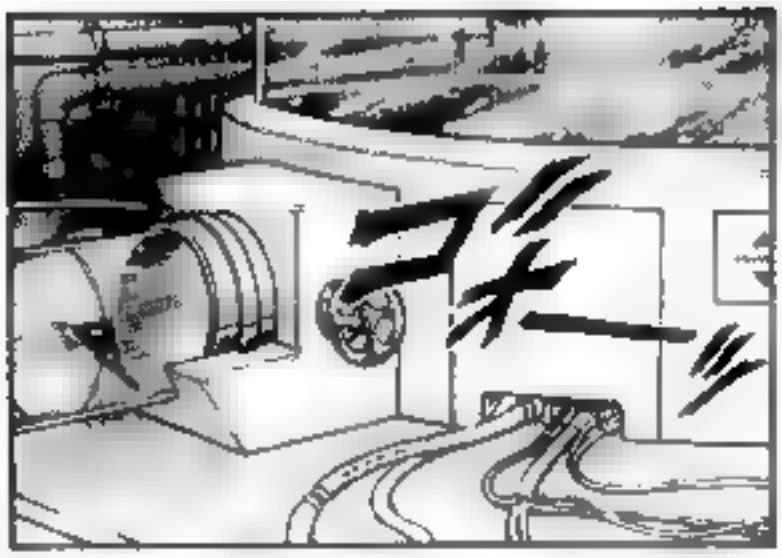


PLEASE GOD...

GWOOO

GWAAAH!!

!!

GWA!!

HUFF...

HUFF...

UNFORTUNATELY, IT SEEMS THAT IT IS NOT THE Z.E.T. THAT YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR.

TH...

THIS IS...

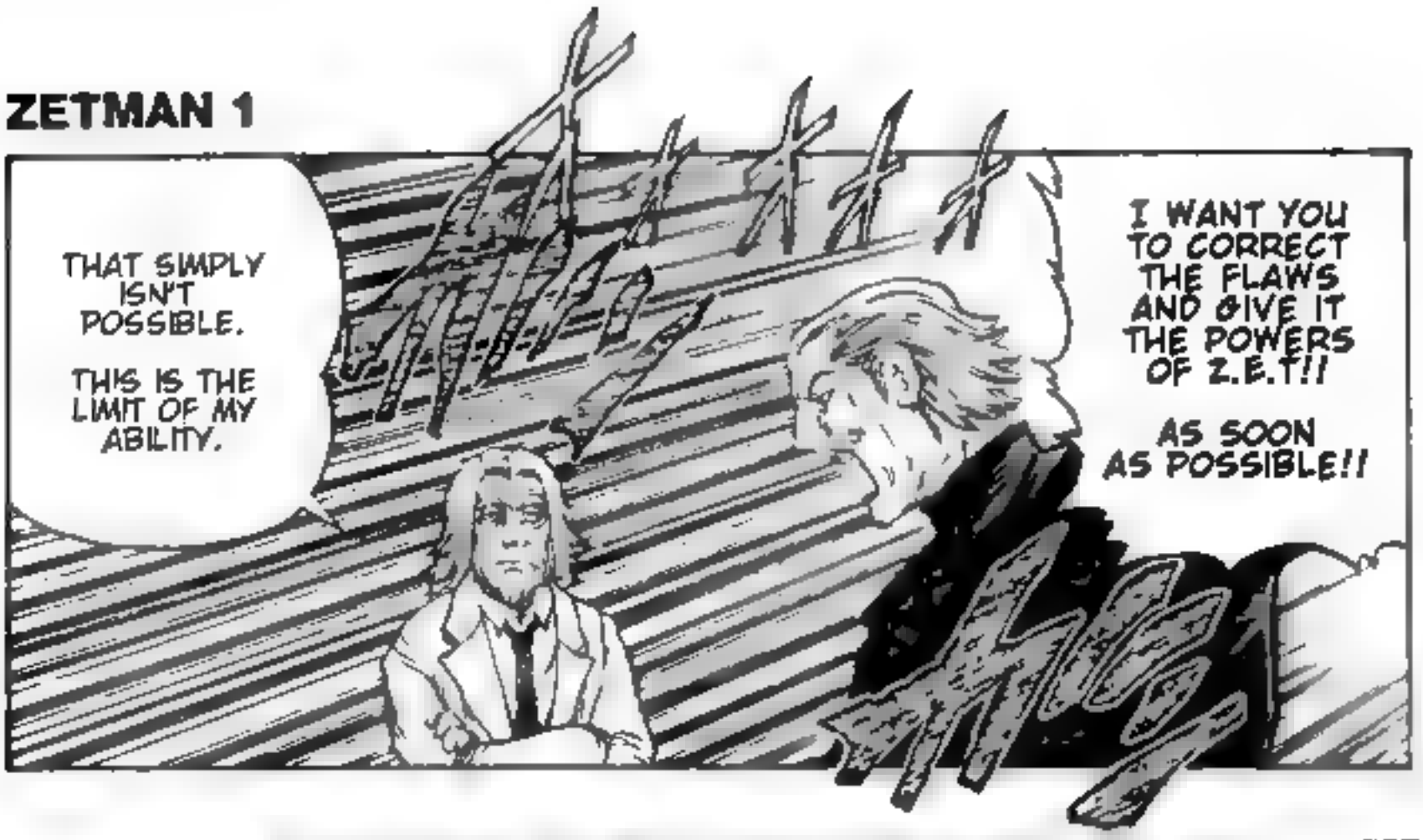
THE EXPERIMENT HAS FAILED.

IT'S BECAUSE THE DATA I HAVE WAS ONLY HALF-FINISHED AND INCOMPLETE.

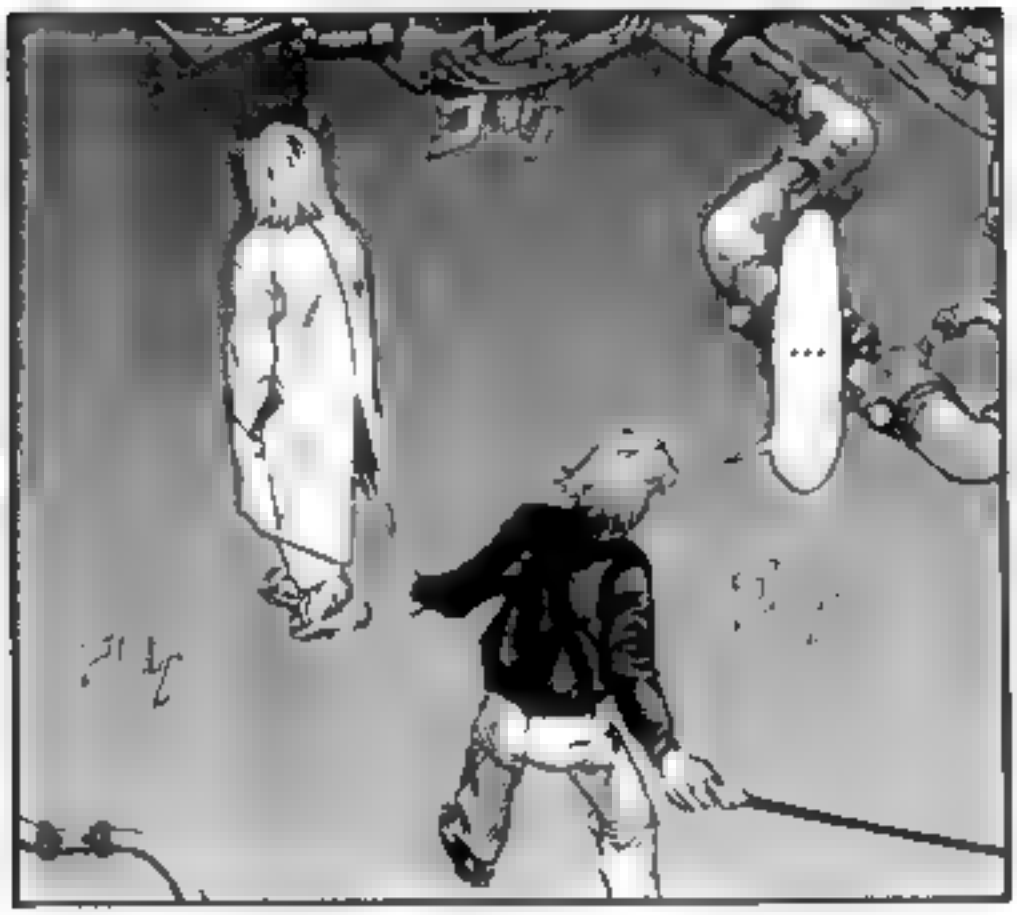
IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT IT WILL DIE WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

AND...

IT IS NOTHING BUT A "PLAYER".


THAT SIMPLY ISN'T POSSIBLE.
THIS IS THE LIMIT OF MY ABILITY.
I WANT YOU TO CORRECT THE FLAWS AND GIVE IT THE POWERS OF Z.E.T!!
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!

JUST DO SOMETHING!
DON'T YOU DARE GIVE ME THAT!!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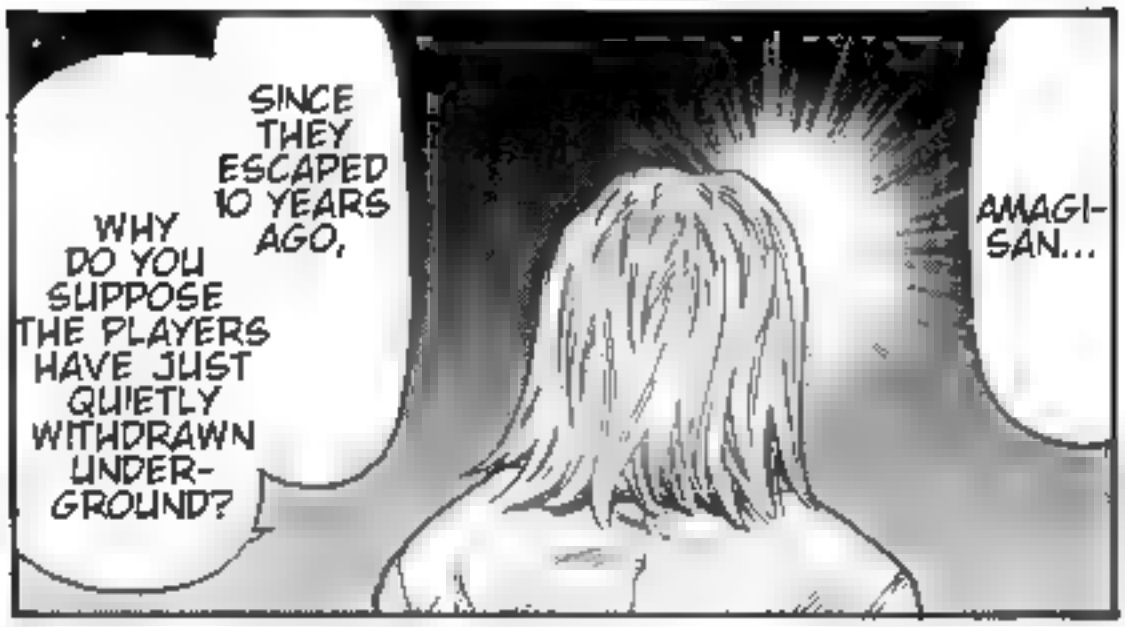
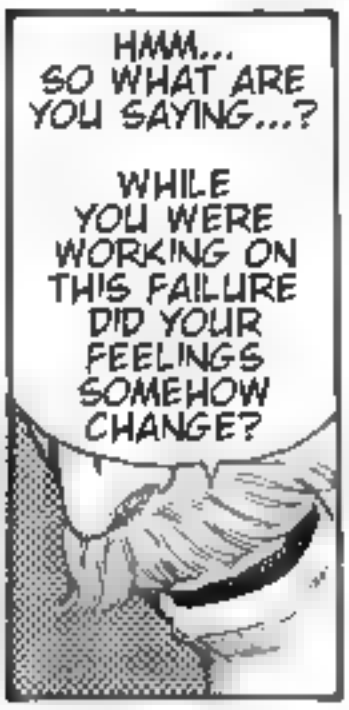
THEN FIND Z.E.T.
THAT'S THE QUICKEST WAY.


SINCE THEY ESCAPED 10 YEARS AGO,
WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE THE PLAYERS HAVE JUST QUIETLY WITHDRAWN UNDER-GROUND?
AMAGI-SAN...


HMM... SO WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...?
WHILE YOU WERE WORKING ON THIS FAILURE DID YOUR FEELINGS SOMEHOW CHANGE?

THEN I WANT TO LEAVE THEM BE.
IF THEY'VE ACQUIRED THE ABILITY TO LIVE IN THIS SOCIETY IN PEACE...

I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT TO COMPLETELY EXTERMINATE THEM IS JUSTICE!
I MUST NOT WAVER FROM THIS IDEAL!
EVER SINCE I LEARNED OF THEIR EXISTENCE, I INVESTED ALL THIS TIME AND MONEY ...
DESTRUCTION IS A PLAYER'S INSTINCT!
I CANNOT TRUST THIS KIND OF REASONING.

WELL IT WOULD JUST BE BEST...

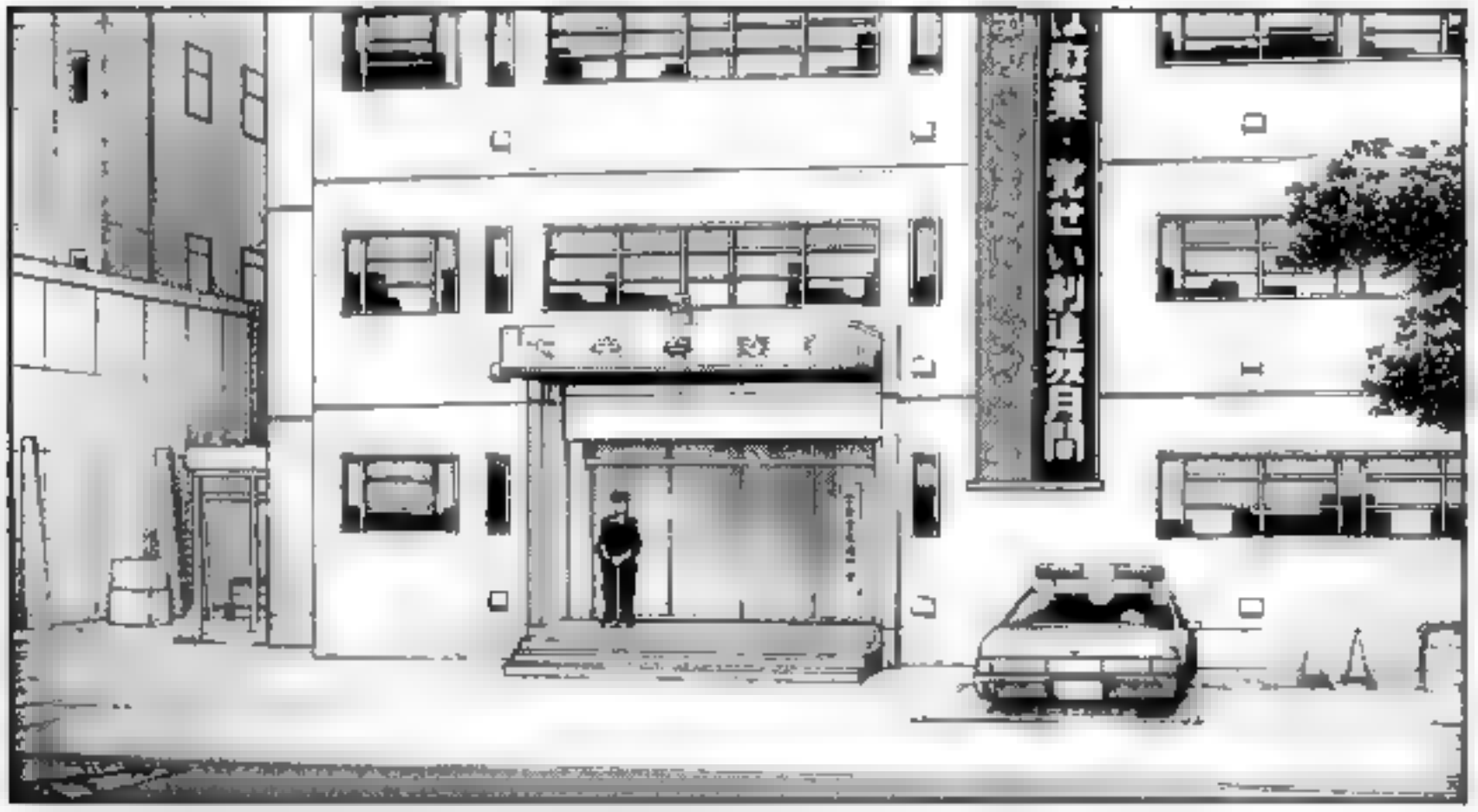
IF THEY HAD NO COMPLAINTS ...

I SEE ...

...

WAS KANZAKI THE ONLY ONE I COULD RELY ON...?

SO...



HEY KID,
WHERE DID YOU GO?
WE WERE LOOKING FOR YOU.

YO.

INSPEC-
TOR.

SO IT IS BECAUSE I USED VIOLENCE?
WHY...
WHY DID YOU BRING ME HERE?
DID I...
DO SOME-THING BAD?

AMAZING ...

HMM

YEAH.

KID!

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO TOOK OUT THAT CRIMINAL?

"EVEN WITH THE BEST OF INTENTIONS VIOLENCE WILL ONLY GIVE RISE TO HATRED"

HE SAID...

... BUT GRANDPA SAID THAT VIOLENCE IS BAD...

WELL, YOU WEREN'T TRYING TO DO ANYTHING BAD BY FIGHTING HIM, RIGHT?

THIS STRENGTH...

I WANT TO MAKE HIM USE IT FOR THE RIGHT THINGS...

WELL IT SEEMS LIKE THIS BOY HAS STRENGTH BEYOND THAT OF A NORMAL PERSON...

THAT'S QUITE AN EXTREME WAY OF LECTURING ABOUT IT...

IT LOOKS LIKE HE REALLY DIDN'T WANT THIS BOY TO USE VIOLENCE...

YOUR GRANDPA WOULD BE HAPPY.

IN FACT, YOU DID A GOOD THING.

YOU WERE TRYING TO PROTECT HER, WEREN'T YOU?

THAT WAS SELF-DEFENSE. NOT A BAD THING AT ALL.

YOU SERIOUS?!

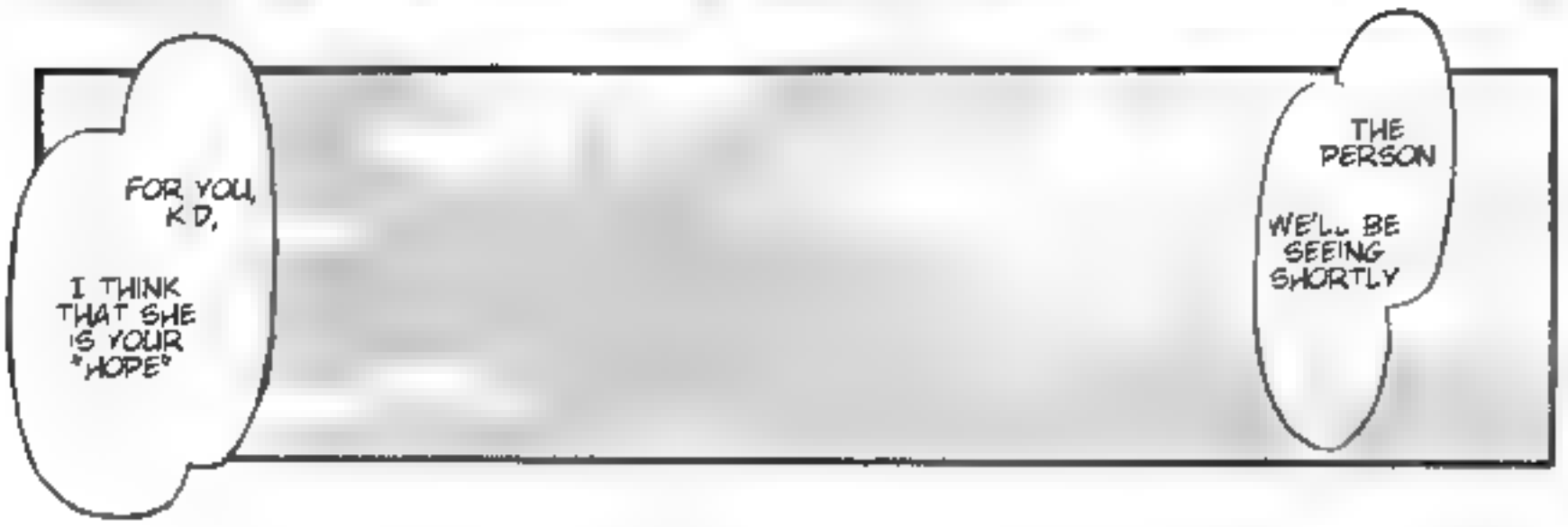
HEY,

I SEE YOU FINALLY LOOKED UP!

YOU AREN'T GONNA FIND ANY HOPE ROLLING AROUND THERE ON THE GROUND...
NOW LISTEN HERE, KID!
WHEN THINGS ARE LOOKING DOWN, YOU'VE GOT TO LOOK UP!

...
WHAT'S "HOPE"?

SHUT-UP!
INSPECTOR
YOU'RE QUITE THE POET, EH?


FOR YOU, K D,
I THINK THAT SHE IS YOUR "HOPE"
THE PERSON
WE'LL BE SEEING SHORTLY

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